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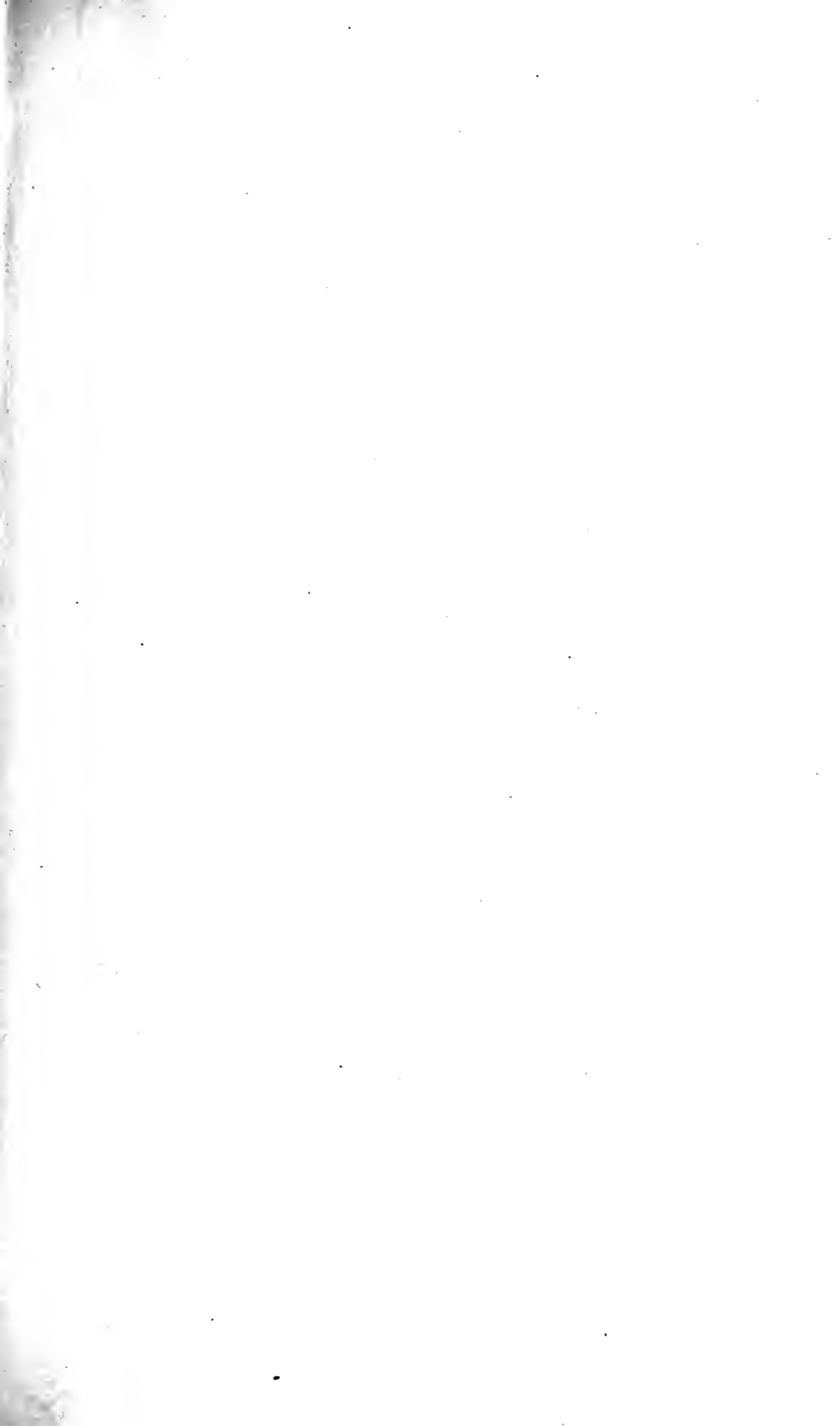
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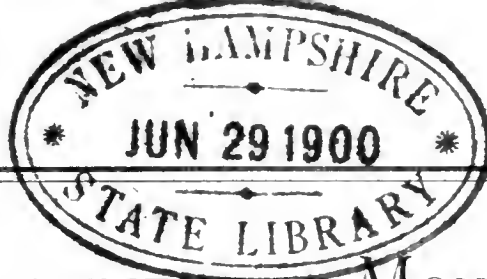
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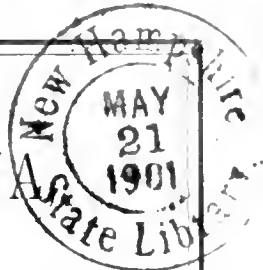
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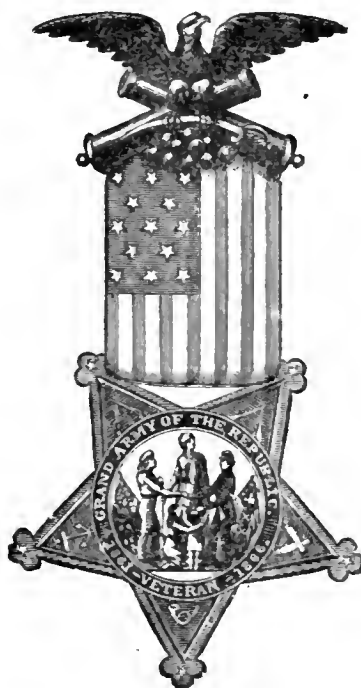


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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

First, Second, Third and Fourth ENCAMPMENTS.

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PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT, SESSION 1885.

The Department of Montana of the Army of the Republic was created by the following order:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, }
TOLEDO, Ohio, February 3d, 1885. }

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 3.

Comrade T. P. Fuller, Wadsworth Post No. 8, Department of Utah, is hereby designated as Provisional "Department Commander" of the Provisional "Department of Montana," hereby created.

He will at once assume command of all the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, located within the Territory of Montana, and shall appoint such staff officers to assist him as may be necessary.

He will upon receipt of these orders telegraph to these Headquarters the names of the comrades of his command to be appointed Senior and Junior Vice Commanders respectively.

He will, as soon as possible, (the interests of the Order being considered) nominate a time and place for holding a Department Encampment, for the purpose of effecting a permanent Department, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Encampment.

By order of

JOHN S. KOONTZ,
Commander-in Chief.
W. W. ALCORN,
Adjutant General.

It was organized by Department Commander Fuller by the issuance of the following order:

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEP'T OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HELENA, Montana, February 10th, 1885. }

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

Pursuant to Special Order No. 3, dated February 3d inst., from Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, Toledo, Ohio, the undersigned assumes command of the G. A. R., located within the Territory of Montana. Headquarters are established at Helena, where all communications will be addressed.

The following named comrades are announced as Department and Staff officers:

Senior Vice Commander, James H. Mills, Post 9, Deer Lodge.

Junior Vice Commander, Horatio S. Howell, Post 12, Virginia City.

Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes, Post 6, Butte City.

Chaplain, Lyman E. Hanna, Post 13, Livingston.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General, John Moffitt, Post 8, Helena.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Charles S. Warren, Post 6, Butte City.

Judge Advocate, William J. Galbraith, Post 9, Deer Lodge.

Chief Mustering Officer, James E. Callaway, Post 12, Virginia City.

Assistant Mustering Officer, Cleve T. Lathrop, Post 19, Missoula.

Inspector General, Eddy F. Ferris, Post 18, Bozeman.

Assistant Inspector General, Otto Klemm, Post 15, Dillon.

AIDES DE CAMP.

J. H. Macomber, Post 2, Ft. Custer.

E. L. Dickinson, Post 10, Sheridan.

J. R. Goss, Post 17, Billings.

J. H. Ray, Post 20, Glendive.

THOMAS P. FULLER,

Provisional Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEP'T OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
HELENA, Montana, February 10th, 1885. }

The first Encampment was convened by General Order No. 2.

A Department Encampment of the Provisional Department of Montana, G. A. R., will be held at Helena, on Tuesday, March 10th, 1885, for the purpose of effecting a permanent Department organization, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Encampment.

The Encampment will consist of

1. All Past Post Commanders who remain in good standing in their respective Posts.
2. All Post Commanders (in the absence of the Post Commander, the Senior or Junior Vice Commander) may represent the Post.
3. Two duly elected representatives from each Post, who shall be members in good standing in their respective Posts.

All authorized members of the Encampment will be furnished with credentials, signed by Post Commanders and Post Adjutants.

By command of

THOMAS P. FULLER,

Provisional Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT,

Assistant Adjutant General.

The proceedings of the first Encampment were as follows:

HEADQUARTERS PROVISIONAL DEP'T OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
HELENA, March 10th, 1885. }

In pursuance to General Order, No. 2, Provisional Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, dated Helena, Montana, February 10th, 1885, the delegates from the various Posts assembled at 10 o'clock, on the morning of March 10th, at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Helena, and were thence escorted to Odd Fellows Hall by Wadsworth Post No. 8, G. A. R., preceded by Orton's Cornet Band, for the purpose of organizing the permanent Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

Provisional Department Commander Thomas P. Fuller called the encampment to order at 10 o'clock a. m., and opened in due form.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

Present:—

Provisional Commander, Thos. P. Fuller, Post 8.

Senior Vice Commander, James H. Mills, Post 9.

Junior Vice Commander, H. S. Howell, Post 12.

Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes, Post 6.

Chaplain, Lyman E. Hanna, Post 13.

Assistant Adjutant General pro tem, Lew Coleman, Post 9.

I. Sentinel, George W. White, Post 8.

O. Sentinel, James Murphy, Post 8.

On motion of Comrade Mills that a committee of three be appointed to examine the credentials of the delegates and report. Committee appointed consisting of Comrades P. R. Dolman, Pierce Hoopes Jr., and Howard H. Zenor.

On motion of Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft order of business. Committee appointed consisting of Comrades W. H. H. Dickinson, J. H. Macomber and H. S. Howell.

A recess of fifteen minutes was granted to allow committees to make their reports.

Encampment called to order.

Report of Committee on Credentials was read as follows:

To the Provisional Department Encampment:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have examined the credentials of delegates on file with Assistant Adjutant General and find from such examination that the following named comrades are duly authorized delegates and alternate delegates to the Encampment:

FORT CUSTER POST, NO. 2.

J. H. Macomber,	-	-	-	-	Past Post Commander.
C. E. Price,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
J. F. Rowe,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
Henry Frederic,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

LINCOLN POST, NO. 6, BUTTE.

P. R. Dolman,	-	-	-	-	Past Post Commander.
Levi E. Holmes,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
Harry Kessler,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

WADSWORTH POST, NO. 8, HELENA.

Thos. P. Fuller,	-	-	-	-	Past Post Commander.
Robert C. Wallace,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
T. H. Kleinschmidt,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
Junius G. Sanders,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
George W. Shaw,	-	-	-	-	Alternate.
Robert C. Walker,	-	-	-	-	Alternate.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, NO. 9, DEER LODGE.

James H. Mills,	-	-	-	-	Past Post Commander.
D. J. McMillan,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
H. H. Zenor,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
Lew Coleman,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
G. Houck,	-	-	-	-	Alternate.
S. Glover,	-	-	-	-	Alternate.

F. P. BLAIR POST, NO. 10, VIRGINIA.

James E. Callaway,	-	-	-	-	Past Post Commander.
H. S. Howell,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

FARRAGUT POST, NO. 13, LIVINGSTON.

T. W. Wright,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
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A. SULLY POST, NO. 17, BILLINGS.

James R. Goss,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
W. H. Norton,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
H. M. Payne,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

WM. ENGLISH POST, NO. 18, BOZEMAN.

J. M. Lindley,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
W. F. Sanders,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

R. C. WINTHROP POST, NO. 19, MISSOULA.

Will Kennedy,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
John L. Sloan,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
W. H. H. Dickinson,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

THOMAS A. KANE POST, NO. 21, GLENDIVE.

Pierce Hoopes Jr.,	-	-	-	-	Post Commander.
Moses P. Wyman,	-	-	-	-	Representative.
Ela C. Waters,	-	-	-	-	Representative.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Order of Business:

To the Provisional Department Encampment:

Your Committee on Order of Business beg leave to report the following for the government of this Encampment:

1. Opening of Encampment in due form.
2. Roll call of officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Roll call of members.
5. Reports of officers.
6. Reading of orders.
7. Reception and reference of communications from Headquarters.
8. New business.
9. Election of delegates to National Encampment.
10. Selecting time and place for holding Department Encampment.
11. Election and installation of officers.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Department C. S. was then taken up and Comrades R. P. Dolman, W. H. H. Dickinson and J. H. Macomber were appointed a committee to examine comrades who were not in possession of Department C. S.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

Provisional Department Commander, Thos. P. Fuller.

Senior Vice Commander, James H. Mills.

Junior Vice Commander, H. S. Howell.

Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes.

Chaplain, Lyman E. Hama.

Assistant Adjutant General pro tem, Lew Coleman.

Inside Sentinel, Geo. W. White.

Outside Sentinel, James Murphy.

Recess of ten minutes granted.

Encampment called to order.

Report of Committee on C. S.

Your Committee to examine comrades who were not in possession of the Department C. S. made their report and committee was discharged.

General and special orders from Department Headquarters read and ordered placed on file.

On motion the Encampment adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll call of delegates.

All present except Comrades R. C. Walker and T. H. Kleinschmidt of Post No. 8; G. Houck and S. Glover of Post No. 9; and W. F. Sanders of Post No. 18.

Provisional Department Commander then announced that the next order of business would be the election of officers for the ensuing year, for the permanent Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, and appointed Comrades H. H. Zenor and George W. Shaw as tellers.

On motion of Comrade H. S. Howell, Provisional Department Commander Thos. P. Fuller was placed in nomination for Department Commander for the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, and by unanimous consent the ballot was dispensed with and Comrade Thomas P. Fuller elected by acclamation.

On motion of Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson, which was seconded and carried, that the remaining elective officers be elected by ballot.

NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

It being next in order Comrade C. E. Price, Post No. 2, and Comrade Jas. H. Mills, Post No. 9, were then placed in nomination for Senior Vice Commander. Comrade Jas. H. Mills having received the highest number of votes cast was declared elected, and the election was made unanimous.

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrades P. Hoopes, Jr., Post No. 21, and C. E. Price, Post No. 2, were then placed in nomination for Junior Vice Commander. Comrade C. E. Price having received the highest number of votes cast was declared elected, and the election was made unanimous.

NOMINATIONS FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Comrade Levi E. Holmes, Post No. 6, was then placed in nomination for Medical Director, and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast his ballot for Medical Director, and Comrade Levi E. Holmes was declared elected and the election was made unanimous.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPLAIN.

Comrade Lyman E. Hanna, Post 13, and Comrade J. H. Macomber, Post 2, were then placed in nomination for Chaplain. Comrade Lyman E. Hanna having received the highest number of votes cast was declared elected, and the election was made unanimous.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

On motion it was ordered that the five comrades receiving the highest number of votes cast be declared the Council of Administration, which resulted as follows:

Comrade M. P. Wyman, Post 21, Glendive.

Comrade P. R. Dolman, Post 6, Butte.

Comrade D. J. McMillan, Post 9, Deer Lodge.

Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson, Post 19, Missoula.

Comrade Eddy S. Ferris, Post 18, Bozeman.

On motion a recess of fifteen minutes was allowed for the purpose of giving Department Commander an opportunity to select his staff officers for the ensuing year.

Encampment called to order.

Department Commander then announced his Staff as follows:

Comrade John Moffitt, Post 8, Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade C. S. Warren, Post 6, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade H. S. Howell, Post 12, Inspector.

Comrade J. R. Goss, Post 17, Judge Advocate.

Comrade J. E. Callaway, Post 12, Chief Mustering Officer.

AIDES DE CAMP.

Comrade E. S. Dickinson, Post 10, Sheridan.

Comrade Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Post 21, Glendive.

Comrade Lester S. Willson, Post 18, Bozeman.

Comrade Otho Klemm, Post 15, Dillon.

Comrade Will Kennedy, Post 19, Missoula.

On motion the installation of officers was postponed until 7 o'clock p. m. and all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic were invited to attend.

Election of delegate and alternate to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Portland, Maine, July 25th, 1885, was next in order.

Comrade Ela C. Waters, Post 20, and Comrade Lester S. Willson, Post 18, were placed in nomination, and, on motion, which was adopted, that the comrade receiving the highest number of votes cast, be declared the Delegate at Large, and the comrade receiving the lowest number of votes cast, be declared the Alternate, which resulted as follows: Comrade Ela C. Waters was declared duly elected Delegate at Large and Comrade Lester S. Willson, Alternate.

On motion of Comrade Kessler, which was adopted, that the members of this Encampment contribute the sum of one dollar each for the purpose of procuring charter for this Department. Amount contributed \$25.

On motion of Comrade Dickinson, which was adopted, that the Council of Administration be instructed to fill out and forward to Post 19, Missoula, a Charter. A Charter fee in the above having been paid for some months ago, but as yet has not been received.

On motion of Comrade J. H. Mills a committee of three was appointed to report Department fees and the issuance of Charters and amount of fees allowed Assistant Adjutant General.

Committee appointed consisting of Comrades Will Kennedy, Pierce Hoopes, Jr., and R. C. Wallace.

Report of Special Committee on Fees, etc.:

Your Special Committee, appointed to consider financial matters connected with this Department, would respectfully report that we find by Section 1, Article 1, Chapter 5, of the Rules and Regulations, that the Charter fee for Posts is fixed at \$10.

We would recommend that all supplies be furnished to the Posts at an advance of ten per cent over cost.

We would also recommend that the Assistant Adjutant General be paid a salary of one hundred dollars per annum.

Signed,

WILL KENNEDY,
P. H. HOOPES, JR.,
R. C. WALLACE,

Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted and the committee discharged.

Comrade Jas. H. Mills offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the Annual Encampments of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, all Past Post Commanders in good standing in their respective Posts shall be entitled to personal representation and vote.

On motion the following named towns were designated as places for holding our next Annual Encampment: Butte, Bozeman and Helena, and the place receiving the highest number of votes cast, be declared the place, which resulted in Bozeman.

On motion of Comrade Dickinson, which was adopted, that a committee of three be appointed to instruct the comrades in the S. W.

Committee appointed consisted of Comrade McDonald, P. H. Hoopes, Jr., and James Murphy.

Officer of the Day was instructed to communicate the C. S. to the members of the Encampment.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until 7 p. m.

Encampment called to order pursuant to adjournment.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

Department Commander, Thos. P. Fuller.
Senior Vice Department Commander, Jas. H. Mills.
Junior Vice Department Commander, C. E. Price.
Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes.
Chaplain, Lyman E. Hanna.
Assistant Adjutant General pro tem, Lew Coleman.
Inside Sentinel pro tem, Geo. W. White.
Outside Sentinel pro tem, James Murphy.

Department Commander then announced that the next order of business would be the installation of officers of the Department of Montana, and appointed Comrade J. G. Sanders to install the newly elected officers, who were presented and installed as follows:

Department Commander,	- - -	Thos. P. Fuller.
Senior Vice Department Commander,	-	James H. Mills.
Junior Vice Department Commander,	-	C. E. Price.
Medical Director,	- - - -	Levi E. Holmes.
Chaplain,	- - - -	Lyman E. Hanna.

On motion, which was adopted, that the Adjutant General be instructed to reply to a circular letter received from the Woman's Relief Corps.

On motion, which was adopted, that the Department Commander be authorized to issue a circular recommending that Posts in the Department of Montana be uniformed, and that he shall designate the style of uniform that shall be worn in case any Post desires to do so.

Recess of ten minutes.

Encampment called to order.

Comrade John L. Sloan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to Wadsworth Post, No. 8, G. A. R., for the bountiful manner in which they have entertained us during our stay in the city, and that we shall always look back with pleasure, and feel that we have been amply repaid for our coming; also to the Northern Pacific railroad for reduced rates.

On motion the proceedings of the Encampment were left optional with the Department Commander, as to the publication of the same.

No further business offering the Encampment was closed in due form.

JOHN MOFFITT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

NOTE 1.—By G. O. No. 5, dated Helena, May 6th, 1885, Department Commander Fuller enjoined upon the several Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana the strict observance of Memorial Day in an appropriate manner. The day was properly observed at every Post in 1885, and also at every annual occurrence of the day since.

NOTE 2.—By General Order No. 6, dated Helena, July 28th, 1885, Commander Fuller announced to the several Posts of his Department "the death of Gen. U. S. Grant, the first soldier and first citizen of the Republic," and directed that the colors and Charters of the different Posts and badges of the comrades be draped in mourning for sixty days, which was done accordingly; and he also requested that the several Posts "attend such public services as may be instituted commemorative of our illustrious comrade's death, on the 8th of August proximo."

At Helena and at all the towns of Montana the day was properly observed by all people, of all classes and of all opinions, in greater numbers than were before seen on a like occasion.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

SESSION 1886.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
BOZEMAN, Montana, March 9th, 1886. }

In compliance with General Order No. 8, the Annual Encampment convened at Bōzeman, Montana, March 9th, at 4 o'clock p. m.; and in the absence of the Department Commander and Senior Vice Commander the Encampment was called to order by Junior Vice Commander Curtis E. Price, who appointed the following temporary officers:

Senior Vice Commander, Pierce Hoopes, Jr.

Junior Vice Commander, Will Kennedy.

Officer of the Day, Wm. Sims.

Officer of the Guard, Adrian Nappy.

The Officer of the Day made grand rounds and reported all present members of the G. A. R. and in possession of the countersign.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain Rev. Lyman E. Hanna.

Committee on Credentials consisted of the following comrades: W. F. Sanders, O. F. Parmeter, A. J. Fisk, J. D. Jenks and Jas. McCormick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials having examined the credentials of the representatives of the various Posts, and the records of the several Posts, beg leave to report that the following comrades are members of this Encampment and are each entitled to one vote therein, provided none of the posts are in arrears for dues or reports:

Department Commander, Thos. P. Fuller.

Senior Vice Commander, Jas. H. Mills.

Junior Vice Commander, Curtis E. Price.

Medical Director, Levi E. Holmes.

Chaplain, Lyman E. Hanna.

Assistant Adjutant General, John Moffitt.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Chas. S. Warren.

Inspector, H. S. Howell.

Chief Mustering Officer, J. E. Callaway.

Judge Advocate, J. R. Goss.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Moses P. Wyman, Billings, present.
P. R. Dolman, Butte, present.
D. J. McMillan, Deer Lodge, absent.
W. H. H. Dickinson, Missoula, absent.
Eddy F. Ferris, Bozeman, present.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. H. Macomber.	Robt. C. Wallace.
P. R. Dolman.	Thos. P. Fuller.
Charles S. Warren.	Jas. H. Mills.
James E. Callaway.	D. J. McMillan.
Eddy F. Ferris.	O. F. Parmeter.
Will Kennedy.	Henry N. Blake.
Pierce Hoopes, Jr.	Otto Klemm.
R. C. Webster.	Hiram Cook.

NOTE—After the permanent organization of the Department of Montana, Department Commander Fuller, by General Order No. 4, dated Helena, April 20th, 1885, abolished the old numbers of Posts, as given in the Provisional Department of Montana, and renumbered them as they now appear in this record.

JOHN BUFORD POST, NO. 1.

Commander—Curtis E. Price.
Delegates—J. H. Macomber, Thomas Traxel, G. P. Borden, E. M. Walker.

LINCOLN POST, NO. 2.

Commander—Henry C. Kessler.
Delegates—J. J. York, Geo. W. Smith, Jno. Bechtel, Foster Vincent, J. D. Jenks, E. F. Page.

WADSWORTH POST, NO. 3.

Commander—J. G. Sanders.
Delegates—Wm. Sims, Richard Hoback, A. J. Fisk, F. P. Sterling.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, NO. 4.

Commander—Howard H. Zenor.
Delegates—Wm. Coleman, S. Glover, Geo. C. Houck, J. N. Fox.

CUSTER POST, NO. 5.

Commander—O. F. Parmeter.
Delegates—E. L. Dickinson, O. F. Parmeter.

FRANK BLAIR POST, NO. 6.

Commander—Stephen Guinnan.
Delegates—Eugene Stark, M. O'Brian, J. B. Carothers, Jno. King.

STEADMAN POST, NO. 8.

Commander—Otto Klemm.

Delegates—David Lamont, H. P. Pickman.

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST, NO. 10.

Commander—J. M. Lindley.

Delegates—W. F. Sanders, Geo. O. Eaton.

WINTHROP POST, NO. 11.

Commander—John L. Sloan.

Delegates—C. W. Lombard, Gustave Neimer, Geo. B. Hartman,
Chas. Koch.

THOMAS L. KANE POST, NO. 12.

Commander—Pierce Hoopes, Jr.

Delegates—Jas. McCormick, Wm. Coleman, H. C. Tuttle, Geo. D.
Richmond.

J. B. McPHERSON POST, NO. 13.

Commander—Vining A. Cook.

Delegates—Frank Bailey, S. S. Harper, Lyman E. Hanna, L.
H. Tole.

U. S. GRANT POST, NO. 14.

Commander—R. C. Webster.

Delegates—Charles W. Savage, Wm. Harman.

Your committee has reported the various titles whereby comrades are entitled to votes in this Encampment, which show that several comrades present have several titles to their votes, but in the view of your committee no comrade is entitled to more than one vote. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. SANDERS,
O. F. PARMETER,
A. J. FISK,
J. D. JENKS,
JAS. McCORMICK.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES.

Curtis E. Price, Wm. Sims, John Moffitt, A. J. Fisk, Chas. S. Warren, O. F. Parmeter, J. E. Callaway, J. M. Lindley, Lyman E. Hanna, W. F. Sanders, W. P. Wyman, Geo. O. Eaton, P. R. Dolman, Jno. L. Sloan, Eddy F. Ferris, Will Kennedy, J. D. Jenks, Pierce Hoopes, Jr., J. H. Macomber, H. C. Tuttle, John Bechtel, R. C. Webster, J. G. Sanders and James McCormick were present.

Comrade W. F. Sanders offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this Encampment has heard with profound solicitude of the illness of its Senior Vice Commander, Comrade Jas. H. Mills, and it sends him its sympathy and cordial good wishes that he may speedily recover from the affliction which has befallen him.

Address of Department Commander Thomas P. Fuller at the opening of the Second Annual Encampment, in the city of Bozeman, Montana:

Comrades:

As you meet to-day in that beautiful city of Bozeman, to renew our ties of friendship and advance the interests of our order, I sincerely regret my absence at this time in calling you to order as Department Commander, owing to the pressure of private business.

This being the Second Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., for the Department of Montana, under the re-organization of the Order, I trust to see present a large and intelligent representation from the various Posts of the Department. From communications received from Post Commander Eddy F. Ferris, of Wm. English Post, No. 10, excellent arrangements for the accommodation and entertainment of the members of the Encampment and others of the Order present on this occasion, are being made.

On the 28th day of April, 1885, this Department was honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief John S. Kountz and Judge Advocate General D. R. Austin. A reception was held under the auspices of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, at the parlors of the Cosmopolitan Hotel and a Camp Fire at the office of Department Commander. The success of the entertainment was due to the various committees in charge.

It is scarcely a year since this Department was organized, with a membership of 272 members, yet on the 31st of December, 1885, the order had twelve Posts, with an aggregate membership of 399. The Provisional Department of Montana was organized February 3d, 1885, and the Permanent Department March 10th, 1885. At the date of the organization of the Provisional Department there were nine Posts in existence.

Under my brief administration as Provisional Department Commander, covering the period from February 3d to March 10th, 1885, R. C. Winthrop Post, No. 11, was organized. Under the Permanent Department the following Posts have been organized: J. B. McPherson, No. 13, and U. S. Grant, No. 14; and the following Posts suspended: Alfred Sully Post, No. 9, Farragut Post, No. 7.

The reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General are submitted for the action of the Encampment.

I am especially indebted to Comrade John Moffitt, Assistant Adjutant General, for his faithful co-operation and assistance in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon the office.

While excellent progress has been made in the advancement of the work of this Department in the past, I trust that each member will feel it his duty to work actively in the future for the enrollment of every soldier and sailor of the late war, whose character is such as to

entitle him to a place in our ranks. The purposes of the organization are neither political nor selfish, but are intended to cultivate and perpetuate a fraternal and loyal spirit among those who fought side by side during the late war, and to extend to the more unfortunate of our Order, their widows and orphans, the hand of charity and protection when needed.

Thanking the members of the Order for the assistance rendered during my administration as Commander of the Department, and with my best wishes for the success of the Order, I beg the privilege of retiring to the ranks, assuring you of my continual earnest efforts and co-operation to advance the interests of the Order.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

THOMAS P. FULLER,

Department Commander.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HELENA, Montana, March 9th, 1886.

THOMAS P. FULLER,

Commanding Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Comrade:

I have the honor of submitting my report of the business of this office and of the condition of the Department, for the year ending December 31st, 1885.

Two new Posts have been organized during the year and two Posts have been suspended as follows:

ORGANIZED.

J. B. McPherson Post, No. 13, June 19th, 1885.

U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, July 28th, 1885.

SUSPENDED.

Alfred Sully Post, No. 9, second quarter.

Farragut Post, No. 7, third quarter.

The reports from 12 Posts show a membership of 399, a net gain of 55, from the organization of the Department, March 10th, 1885, to December 31st, 1885.

The following is an exhibit of the membership, together with the gain and loss for the past year, of each Post in the Department, as shown by the reports to this office to Dec. 31, 1885:

						Nos.	Gain.	Loss.
1.	John Buford.....	March 10, 1885,	members	32,	December 31, 1885,	32		
2.	Lincoln.....	"	"	45,	"	67	22	
3.	Wadsworth.....	"	"	47,	"	73	26	
4.	Geo. H. Thomas	"	"	26,	"	24		2
5.	Custer	"	"	21,	"	31	10	
6.	Frank P. Blair..	"	"	24,	"	24		
8.	Steadman.....	"	"	19,	"	19		
10.	Wm. English.. ..	"	"	20,	"	22	2	
11.	Winthrop	"	"	18,	"	28	10	
12.	Thos. L. Kane...	"	"	20,	"	33	13	
13.	McPherson	"	"		"	18	18	
14.	U. S. Grant	"	"		"	28	28	

The following table shows the comparison since the organization of the Department, March 10th, 1885: Eight Posts show net gain of 129. One Post shows net loss of 2. There were dropped during the year 11. Five have died. There has been expended from relief and post funds, for the assistance of comrades or of families of deceased comrades, the sum of \$191.50. The amount received during the year was \$432.25, from the following sources:

Contribution, Department Encampment.	-	-	\$ 25 00
Per Capita Tax	-	-	377 25
Charter Fees	-	-	30 00
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Total	-	-	\$432 25

Orders have been drawn on the Assistant Quartermaster General, numbered from 1 to 10 inclusive for the following:

Department Charter,	-	-	\$ 20 00
Comrade Jas. Murphy,	-	-	5 00
C. K. Wells,	-	-	10 35
Fisk Bros.,	-	-	80 00
Sands Bros.,	-	-	3 70
W. U. Telegraph Co.,	-	-	8 95
Drayage,	-	-	25
Postage,	-	-	23 40
Capita Tax,	-	-	14 91
Assistant Adjutant General,	-	-	100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General, Receipt,	-	-	165 69
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Total,	-	-	\$432 25

There have been issued from Headquarters 8 General Orders, 11 Specials and 2 Circulars. These together with all orders from National Headquarters and Journals of the 19th Annual Session of the National Encampment, have been mailed to Department and staff officers and Posts in the Department.

While a majority of the Posts are prompt in forwarding their quarterly reports, others neglect until repeatedly urged to perform that part of their duty. This entails extra labor upon the incumbent of the office, and a corresponding tax upon the Department for postage and stationery, and I would respectfully request that Post Commanders be reminded of their duty in the foregoing particulars.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JOHN MOFFITT,

Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

THOMAS P. FULLER,

Commanding Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Comrade:

I have the honor to report, as Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Montana, for the year ending December 31st, 1885, as follows:

Amount received from A. A. Gen'l, - - - \$432 25

(See exhibit hereto annexed marked "A.")

Disbursed - - - - - \$266 56

(See exhibit marked "B.")

Balance on hand, - - - - - 165 59

Total, - - - - - \$432 25

(See exhibit hereto annexed marked "C," Certificate of Deposit, First National Bank of Butte, for \$165.59.)

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. S. WARREN,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

JOHN MOFFITT, *Assistant Adjutant General,*

Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Comrade:

I have the honor to submit this, my report as Inspector:

The inspections under my direction were made nearly ten months ago, so that the information therein contained can at this time be had to a much later date from your own report, made up from the latest quarterly reports of the Posts.

The inspection reports made to me, and by me to the Inspector General of the Grand Army of the Republic, show on the whole a favorable condition of affairs, and the same may be said of a majority of them as to their prospects for the future, their only drawback being a larger percentage of the members behind in payment of dues than is desirable. It is my opinion, however, that by proper attention on the part of the Post officers, and perhaps by some action by the Department Encampment, calling their attention to the matter, it may, during the present year, be remedied.

During the present year I have personally visited Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena; Custer Post, No. 5, Sheridan; Frank P. Blair Post, No. 6, Virginia City, and U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, Miles City. I have nothing but words of praise to utter regarding these Posts. The attendance was in all cases good, the services properly

and handsomely performed, and a general feeling of confidence and good-will seemed to prevail.

The Adjutant General will probably report to the Encampment the trouble and inconvenience he has been put to, on account of the carelessness and neglect on the part of some of the Post Commanders, regarding the forwarding to him of their quarterly reports. Some are prompt and energetic. Action should be taken by the Encampment to remedy this.

The Inspector and other Department officers for the coming year should, I think, be requested, and, in fact, instructed, to personally visit as many Posts in the Department as their time will permit, and provision should be made by the Encampment for their expenses in so doing.

Very respectfully in F. C. and L.,

H. S. HOWELL,

Inspector.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

We, your Council of Administration, Department of Montana, G. A. R., beg leave to report that we examined the accounts of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and find them correct.

Very respectfully,

M. P. WYMAN.

P. R. DOLMAN.

EDDY F. FERRIS.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

THOS. P. FULLER,

Commanding Department of Montana.

Comrade:

Herewith I submit my report as Delegate from this Department to the 19th National Encampment of the G. A. R., held at Portland, Maine, June, 1885.

I arrived there the evening previous to the meeting of the Encampment, and the Headquarters of the Department of Montana was opened with the Department of Utah. A number of visitors, all comrades, of different states, called or left their cards. Upon the Committee of Pensions my time was considerably taken up, as we held evening sessions, every one of which I attended. The work accomplished during the session was greatly to the welfare and interest of the needy veterans.

My efforts were earnestly directed towards getting the 20th National Encampment held at San Francisco, knowing that by placing it in the west it would give a better opportunity for the Department of Montana to be well represented, and enjoy the

Encampment. I think I can safely say to those that attend that they will be doubly repaid for their time and trouble.

The meeting at Portland was large and very enthusiastic, and the procession was very imposing, having in line, according to the best estimates, from fifty to sixty thousand veterans.

I was selected as a member of the National Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Thanking this Department for the honor conferred upon me, by selecting me as their Delegate, and trusting that I represented them in a manner that reflected credit on this Department.

I remain yours in F. C. and L.,

ELA. C. WATERS.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment are extended to Comrade Ela. C. Waters, for his efficient services as our Delegate to the National Encampment at Portland, Maine, and for his excellent report of the same.

On motion of Comrade J. E. Callaway, which was adopted, it was resolved that a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions with respect to our late comrades, U. S. Grant, Geo. B. McClellan and Winfield S. Hancock, and that they report to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Recess until 8 p. m.

Encampment called to order.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all comrades of the G. A. R. in this city in good standing be invited to be present at this Annual Encampment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Encampment proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and appointed Comrades Wm. Sims, Wadsworth Post, No. 3, and R. C. Webster, U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, as tellers.

The following comrades were then placed in nomination: C. S. Warren, Post No. 2, P. R. Dolman, Post No. 2, J. G. Sanders, Post No. 3, for Department Commander. A ballot was taken resulting as follows:

Comrade C. S. Warren received 17 votes; P. R. Dolman, 5; J. G. Sanders, 2.

Comrade C. S. Warren was declared duly elected Department Commander.

Recess until 9 a. m.

Encampment called to order.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each Post in good standing shall be entitled to two representatives, to be elected according to rules and regulations governing the G. A. R., and an additional representative for each 50 comrades in good standing, who are members thereof.

Report of Committee on Resolutions of the death of Comrades U. S. Grant, Geo. B. McClellan and Winfield S. Hancock:

WHEREAS, Since the organization of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, one year ago this day, three of our most illustrious comrades, Ulysses S. Grant, Geo. B. McClellan and Winfield S. Hancock, who gave luster to Americanship and added glorious pages to the history of the Nineteenth Century, have yielded up their lives as heroes in the march of time, and passed across the dark river and joined the comrades who offered up their lives, that liberty should not perish from the earth; Then be it

Resolved, That in the lives of these beloved comrades, another volume of imperishable history will go ringing down the corridors of time, when monumental brass shall have turned to rust—a volume that will be opened to the perusal of patriotic youth as examples of manly endeavor and heroic achievements, and that in their lives were portrayed and demonstrated the cardinal principles of our society—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. In Fraternity, that we believe in the common brotherhood of man and the universal fatherhood of God. In Charity, that we extend protection and relief to all worthy and distressed comrades, the widows and orphans of those who followed the banner of the Republic, the right hand of generous fellowship, with the guarantee that all citizens shall have equal protection under the law. While the Grand Army of the Republic has no politics, we can as citizens differ as to American politics and yet be friends. In Loyalty, that they were true to the flag of our fathers, to national unity and the principles of constitutional liberty. This legacy we bequeath to the Sons of Veterans.

J. E. CALLAWAY.

C. S. WARREN.

J. G. SANDERS.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Pierce Hoopes, Jr., of Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12, and Will Kennedy, of Winthrop Post, No. 11, were unanimously elected Senior Vice and Junior Vice Commanders for the ensuing year.

Comrades Curtis E. Price, John Buford Post, No. 1, and Comrade J. H. Macomber, John Buford Post, No. 1, were unanimously elected Medical Director and Chaplain respectively.

For members of the Council of Administration the following comrades were unanimously elected:

Lester S. Willson,	-	-	-	-	-	Bozeman.
R. C. Webster,	-	-	-	-	-	Miles City.
Jas. H. Mills,	-	-	-	-	-	Deer Lodge.
Jas. E. Callaway,	-	-	-	-	-	Virginia City.
John L. Sloan,	-	-	-	-	-	Missoula.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

W. F. Sanders, Wm. English Post, No. 10.

P. R. Dolman, Lincoln Post, No. 2, alternate.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Encampment be held at Butte City, and that the time for calling it be left to the Department Commander.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Encampment are due to Junior Vice Commander Curtis E. Price, for the fairness with which he has presided over the session of this Encampment, and to the other officers for the manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

Upon request of Department Commander, Chief Mustering Officer J. E. Callaway installed the officers elect and the following appointed officers: Marshal, J. G. Sanders; Inspector, Geo. O. Eaton; Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. Sims.

The Marshal then announced the officers elect for the ensuing year duly installed.

On assuming the chair Department Commander C. S. Warren addressed the encampment, thanking the comrades for the honor conferred.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic are due and are hereby tendered to Wm. English Post, No. 10, and to the citizens of Bozeman, for the cordiality of their salutations and the generous and abounding hospitality extended to them during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to the Northern Pacific and Utah & Northern Railroad Company, for courtesies extended to the Encampment.

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General is instructed to forward to the General Agents in Montana of the above mentioned roads a certified copy of the above resolutions.

There being no further business, the Department Commander declared the Second Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana closed.

JOHN MOFFITT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

SESSION 1887.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
BUTTE CITY, Montana, February 22d, 1887. }

In compliance with General Order, No. 4, the Third Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., convened at Butte City, Mont., Tuesday, 10 a. m., February 22d, 1887. The Encampment was called to order by Commander Charles S. Warren and opened with prayer by Comrade Bailey, in the absence of Chaplain Macomber.

A Committee on Credentials was then appointed, consisting of Comrades Jas. E. Callaway, P. R. Dolman and Lew Coleman.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

To the Commander and members of the Department of Montana, G. A. R.: We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we find the following named comrades members of this Encampment, and each member entitled to one vote therein, viz.:

Charles S. Warren, Department Commander.

Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Senior Vice Commander.

Will Kennedy, Junior Vice Commander.

Levi E. Holmes, { Assistant Adjutant General.
 { Assistant Quartermaster General.

Geo. O. Eaton, Inspector.

Wm. J. Galbraith, Judge Advocate.

Wm. Sims, Chief Mustering Officer.

Curtis E. Price, Medical Director.

J. H. Macomber, Chaplain.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Lester S. Willson.

R. C. Webster.

James H. Mills.

James E. Callaway.

John L. Sloan.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Thomas P. Fuller.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

JOHN BUFORD POST, NO. 1.

Not represented.

LINCOLN POST, NO. 2.

Delegates—J. D. Jenks, John Bailey, Levi Shambow.

Alternates— — Long, Gilbert Engle, — Patterson.

Post Commander—C. S. Shoemaker.

Past Post Commanders—Peter R. Dolman, Chas. S. Warren, H. C. Kessler.

WADSWORTH POST, NO. 3.

Delegates—R. E. Fisk, Juno. Moffitt, Ross Deegan.

Alternates—Geo. W. White, H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, Richard Hoback.

Post Commander—Junius G. Sanders.

Past Post Commanders—Thos. P. Fuller, R. C. Wallace.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, NO. 4.

Delegates—Wm. H. Galbraith, H. A. Smurr.

Alternates—Wm. Coleman, Geo. C. Houck.

Post Commander—Lew Coleman.

Past Post Commanders—Jas. H. Mills, D. J. McMillan, H. H. Zenor.

CUSTER POST, NO. 5.

Not represented.

FRANK P. BLAIR POST, NO. 6.

Delegates—H. S. Howell, D. W. Lindsey.

Post Commander—Eugene Stark.

Senior Vice Commander—J. B. Carruthers.

Past Post Commanders—J. E. Callaway, H. N. Blake, Stephen Gaiman.

FARRAGUT POST, NO. 7.

Delegates—C. W. Rossiter, H. C. Vaupel.

Alternates—G. W. Metcalf, Geo. Geer.

Post Commander—F. W. Wright.

Past Post Commanders—Pierce Hoopes, Jr., G. W. Grant, Geo. F. Chambers.

STEADMAN POST, NO. 8.

Not represented.

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST, NO. 10.

Delegates—Geo. O. Eaton, R. M. Whitefoot.

Alternates—J. N. Harder, W. F. Sanders.

Post Commander—J. M. Lindley.

Past Post Commander—Ed. F. Ferris.

WINTHROP POST, NO. 11.

Not represented.

Past Post Commander—Will Kennedy.

THOMAS L. KANE POST, NO. 12.

Delegate—M. P. Wyman.

Alternate—John W. Frederick.

Post Commander—H. C. Tuttle.

There being but one delegate present the alternate is entitled to vote to give the Post a full representation.

J. B. MCPHERSON POST, NO. 13.

Delegates—V. A. Cook, Lyman E. Hanna.

Alternates—J. M. Kellogg, S. S. Street.

Post Commander—Geo. Ten Eyck.

Past Post Commander—Vining A. Cook.

U. S. GRANT POST, NO. 14.

Delegates—E. A. Kreidler, C. W. Anderson.

Alternates—J. W. Johnson, Andrew Bush.

Post Commander—Henry Romeyn.

Past Post Commander—R. C. Webster.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST, NO. 15.

Delegates—S. A. Wallace, Thomas R. Mallen.

Alternates—J. J. Nickey, Wm. Deal.

Post Commander—L. Whitney.

Past Post Commanders—J. H. Reinhart, J. R. Goss, E. C. Waters.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. E. CALLAWAY,
LEW COLEMAN,
P. R. DOLMAN,

Committee.

Department Commander's Address and Report.

Comrades:

On this day, dedicated by our forefathers to freedom, near the source of two of the greatest rivers on earth, under the shadows of the summit of the Rocky Mountains, where civilization with its attendant blessings has aided in planting a community of God-fearing and liberty-loving people, is convened the Third Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Montana.

Proud of our fathers and their imperishable deeds, proud of that Declaration of Independence which shall stand forever as a monument to their heroism; proud of the Constitution of the United States, which is the bulwark of our liberties, we meet to-day to renew our allegiance to these great principles of self-government, as

inaugurated by the immortal WASHINGTON, to keep alive the memories and sacrifices made by our comrades who yielded up their lives that a government of the people, by the people and for the people, should not perish from the earth; to cement the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty; to care for and protect the defenders of the Union, their widows and orphans.

These re-unions are not for the purpose of keeping alive resentful sentiments created by the war. They were not instituted for vain-glorious boastings, nor to awaken sectional hate, but to assert the principles for which we fought, to guard well the flag for which we gave the best years of our lives.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF OFFICERS.

In General Order No. 1, dated March 29th, 1886, the following appointments upon the Staff of the Department Commander were announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Levi E. Holmes of Butte, Lincoln Post, No. 2.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Howard H. Zenor, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 4, Deer Lodge.

The Assistant Quartermaster General having resigned I appointed the Assistant Adjutant General, Levi E. Holmes, Assistant Quartermaster General to fill the vacancy.

The two offices can be combined in one person, and thereby some expense in their several offices be saved to the Department, in small Departments where the business is not too great to be performed by one person.

Inspector General, Geo. O. Eaton, Wm. English Post, No. 10, Cooke City.

Chief Mustering Officer, Wm. Sims, of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena.

Judge Advocate, Wm. J. Galbraith, of Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 4, Deer Lodge.

Assistant Mustering Officer, Charles S. Shoemaker, Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

L. F. Wyman, Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte.

E. C. Waters, Thos. L. Kane Post, No. 12.

A. J. Fisk, Wadsworth Post, No. 3.

Lew Coleman, Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 4.

Charles H. Gould, U. S. Grant Post, No. 14.

David Lamont, Steadman Post, No 8.

W. H. H. Dickinson, R. C. Winthrop Post, No. 11.

G. W. Rightenour, Custer Post, No. 5.
Eugene Stark, F. P. Blair Post, No. 6.
A. J. Edsall, Wm. English Post, No. 10.
Christian Hansen, John Buford Post, No. 1.
Lyman E. Hanna, McPherson Post, No. 13.

REPORTS.

I commend to your careful attention the reports of the Staff Officers. They have performed their duties with fidelity and zeal and I acknowledge my obligations to them for their assistance and valued services.

MEMBERSHIP.

The organization has had a net gain of 121 in membership during the year past. Considering the difficulties under which many of the Posts work, the increase is as great as could be expected.

SUSPENDED OR DROPPED MEMBERS.

There were suspended or dropped in various Posts during the past year, 41. In my judgment, Posts should remit the dues of all worthy comrades who are unable to pay dues, and in this manner the loss by suspension will be reduced to the minimum.

FINANCES.

The finances of the Department continue to be in good shape, considering the demands made upon us. I respectfully call your attention to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, herewith submitted.

CHARITY AND RELIEF.

The different Posts report of \$500.70 expended for charity and relief. The calls for relief are daily becoming more frequent, and all our Posts are severely taxed to relieve the needy and distressed. The sum mentioned covers but a small part of the money expended by the comrades for relief. Hardly a day passes in our larger cities but some member of the Grand Army is asked for relief. As a rule the request is granted, and thousands of dollars are given by generous comrades that never find their way into the reports of Posts or of Departments.

POSTS.

The resurrection of the Posts at Billings and Livingston are matters for congratulation. To Comrades Waters, of Billings, and Comrade Hoopes, of Livingston, is due the credit of the revival of these Posts.

DECISIONS.

Several matters have come before me for decision. I approved the Court Martial proceedings and expulsion of Comrade Page, of Lincoln Post, No. 2. Also the proceedings against Comrade Schmalsle, of Grant Post, No. 14, of expulsion.

In Memoriam.

The lengthening shadows admonish us that we are, one by one, crossing the Great River to the Grand Review beyond. Since our last meeting, Logan, our pride and our idol, has passed to the unknown front. While we sound the praises and remember with unmeasured gratitude, the heroes whose names are known, we are not less mindful of the services of those above whose graves no slabs are raised, and the sites of whose resting places are obliterated by the hand of nature. One spirit inspired all—love of country—and the lowliest man who carried a musket and fell bravely with his face to the foe will live forever in the memory of a grateful nation. Wreaths will fade and wither on their tombs; perennial flowers will blossom and decay; the autumn winds in eddying gusts, will sweep the sere and crisped leaves above them; remorseless time will raze the well rounded mound where they sleep; monuments will rust and granite crumble; but their achievements are enduring and their names encircled with bright immortelles are imperishable.

Thanking you, comrades, for the honor you have conferred upon me, I surrender the gavel and take my place in the ranks of the Grand Army until the final discharge.

CHARLES S. WARREN,
Department Commander.

Assistant Adjutant General's Report.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.,)
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,)
BUTTE CITY, Mont., February 22, 1887. }

CHARLES S. WARREN,
Department Commander,

Comrade:

As required by the rules and regulations, I respectfully submit the following report:

When I assumed charge of the office, in March, 1886, there were upon the Roster of the Department, thirteen Posts, with a total membership of three hundred and ninety-eight (398).

The following Posts have been mustered during the year:

Farragut Post, No. 7, Livingston, August 24, 1886; McPherson Post, No. 15, Billings, November 8, 1886.

No. 7 was reinstated and received the old number of the original organization.

The total membership now in good standing is 519, showing a net gain of 121.

The gains and losses during the year have been as follows:

GAINS—By muster,						175
By transfer,						7
By re-instatement,						9
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Total gains,						191
LOSSES—By honorable discharge,						2
By death,						8
By transfer,						19
By suspension,						41
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Total losses,						70
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Net gain,						121

There has been expended in charity during the year the sum of \$508.70, as represented by the returns. But this does not represent one-half of the amount given to members of the order and their families, by generous and more fortunate members, who have, from time to time, been appealed to for aid.

Posts throughout the Department have shown commendable zeal in the work of the order during the year.

In some places they have not had halls for holding meetings, but have met from time to time at one another's houses and held together their organizations, making regular reports.

While the increase of membership is not large it shows a healthy state of the order. Perhaps it has reached the maximum, for in this distant Territory the increase of population by immigration will not come from those who were in the strength of manhood a quarter of a century ago. And, although all who were once members of the Grand Army of the Union and now living amongst us, are not yet enrolled in our Grand Army of the Republic; yet, it may be presumed from this day on, more members will be mustered out by death than may be gathered in.

In conclusion I desire to return to you, Commander, my thanks for the uniform courtesy that has at all times marked your treatment of me, both officially and personally.

Very truly yours in F. C. and L.,

LEVI E. HOLMES,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Quartermaster General's Report.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,)
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,)
BUTTE CITY, Montana, February 22d, 1887. }

CHARLES S. WARREN,
Department Commander.

Comrade:

I have the honor to herewith submit the following report of the financial transactions of this office, from the date of my assuming the duties thereof, March 10th, 1886:

RECEIPTS.

From Past Quartermaster General, -	-	\$165	95
From sale of supplies, -	-	140	30
Per capita tax, first quarter, -	-	107	50
" " " second quarter, -	-	109	75
" " " third quarter, -	-	121	85
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Total receipts, -	-		\$774 19
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			\$645 35
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*Error in receipts -	-		\$128 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

For supplies, -	-	\$	98	88
Per capita, National Department, -	-		18	65
Printing, -	-		5	00
Expenses of Assistant Adjutant's office and Ass't Quartermaster General's office, -	-	131	55	
Department seal, -	-		7	50
Printing, etc., -	-	125	10	
For register book, -	-		2	50
For clerk hire, -	-		15	00
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Total disbursements, -	-		\$504	18
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Balance on hand, -	-		\$141	17

I have received from John Buford Post, No. 1, \$— for the Grant Memorial fund, which I have forwarded to John Taylor, Quartermaster General.

I have received from Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12, \$13.19, and from U. S. Grant Post, \$75.70, for the Charleston sufferers, which I have forwarded to the Adjutant General.

SUPPLIES ON HAND.

63 badges.	2 descriptive books.
15 rules and regulations.	8 cards, J. V. Commander.
96 discharges.	6 Chaplain cards.
26 traveling cards.	9 manuals.
150 ode cards.	21 yards of ribbon for badges.
6 sets rituals.	10 yds. blue ribbon for rank straps.
97 single rank straps.	144 lappel buttons.

As the term of my appointment to the office of Assistant Quartermaster General has drawn to a close, and I render you an account of my stewardship, allow me to express my appreciation of the confidence you have reposed in me, and my thanks for the many courtesies I have received at your hands.

I have the honor to be very truly yours in F. C. and L.,

LEVI E. HOLMES,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

(* NOTE—Error to be corrected hereafter.)

Inspector General's Report.

GARDINER, Montana, February 12, 1887.

LEVI E. HOLMES, *Assistant Adjutant General,*
Department of Montana, G. A. R.,

Comrade:

I have the honor to submit the following as my report as Inspector of this Department for the year just past:

Almost immediately upon my assuming the duties of my position I was called upon in the ordinary routine, to furnish the Inspector General with a report on the efficiency and discipline of the various Posts in the Department, the same to be used by him as data in making up his report to be presented to the National Encampment, then soon to meet in San Francisco.

There being no time in which to make personal inspection of the various Posts, recourse was had to Assistant Inspectors, one for each Post, who were provided for by orders from the Department Commander. For the most part these Assistant Inspectors were promptly appointed as provided for in orders, and as promptly made their inspections and sent me their reports; from which I compiled and consolidated my own.

There were exceptions in this promptness however: In a few cases considerable correspondence and solicitation was necessary on my part in order to get the Assistants to act; and in three cases I failed entirely in getting a report, and was reluctantly compelled to so report to the Inspector General at Madison, Indiana. Such negligence on the part of a Post or Posts, not only shows a lack of interest and discipline as existing in the Posts themselves, but is a reflection as well on the entire Department, inasmuch as the subsequent report of the Inspector General of necessity has to call attention to such negligence. In this particular case, two of the three Posts which so failed in reporting, were those numerically the strongest in the Department, and the practical result is that the Inspector General in his report to the National Encampment only credits us with a membership of 266 in the Department. Reference is here made to the simple fact, without intention of dwelling upon or criticising the same, to the end that the Territorial Encampment, if it so desires, may take the proper steps to awaken sufficient interest to prevent the recurrence of this neglect in the future, on the part of any Post in the Department.

In this connection I desire to call attention to the inconveniences resulting, because of the officers of a State or Territorial Encampment not commencing their duties at or near the same time that the National

Encampment assume their functions for that calendar year. To illustrate: New Territorial Staff Officers will assume their portfolios immediately following this Encampment, to hold them for one year from that date. These Staff Officers each report through Department Commander to the corresponding officers on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. The last named officers on the contrary have already been in office six months or more and go out of office at the next National Encampment. Therefore it follows, that just at the time the Territorial officers are assuming their duties they are called upon to assist, by their reports, in furnishing data for the annual report for the year preceding, of the officers of the National Encampment. The Inspector of this Department, for instance, will immediately be called upon to furnish a report for the year just past of matters in his Department. He has just commenced his tour of inspection and can have no possible official knowledge on this subject. All he can do is to get up a report by the aid of the Assistant Inspectors, in which he has little or no personal responsibility, and his functions are reduced to those of a clerk—simply consolidating the reports of the various local Inspectors. In like manner, the other Staff officers, instead of being called upon to make their reports after they have served their terms, are called upon to make their reports at the very commencement of the same.

The Inspector General in his report to the last National Encampment refers to this, and suggests as a remedy that the report of the Inspector General be made to include December 1st of each year only, as in this way he would have the benefit of the experience of Department Inspectors, who have been in office something like eight months.

I do not know that I can scan the whole question involved, and therefore it is with some diffidence that I make a suggestion; but as far as my observation goes, this difficulty would be best done away with, if the State or Territorial Encampments met not to exceed a month or six weeks before the National Encampment.

The mode of calling such Territorial Encampment could be somewhat as follows: Let it be provided that after the National Council of Administration have fixed upon and announced the time for holding the next Annual Encampment, that the Territorial Council should then meet and determine upon the time for holding the Territorial Encampment—such time not to be more than six weeks in advance of the time fixed upon for the National Encampment.

By doing this the Territorial officers would make their reports to the National officers at or near the close of their term, when they could do so understandingly. Of course this involves the modifi-

cation of Sections 1 and 2, Article III, Chap. III, Rules and Regulations, and can only be done by the National Encampment; but it is perfectly proper for this Department, if it desires, to forward a communication to the National Encampment explaining its views upon the subject.

I desire to refer to one other subject. In order to make a system of inspection effective and productive of good that legitimately belongs to it, the respective Posts of the Department should not only be inspected (in a large degree) by the same observer, but there should be, following such inspection, and included in the general report, a comparison of the various Posts with each other, as regards their discipline, efficiency and knowledge of the ritual.

As the inspections are now generally conducted, each Post is inspected by an Assistant Inspector, chosen from within its own numbers. It is, therefore, in the first instance, not only natural, but perhaps proper, as well as that such Assistant Inspector should be somewhat biased in favor of his own Post; but in the second and more important view of it, he inspects no other Post, and there are thus within the Department, as many official standards of discipline and efficiency as there are Posts.

It would be manifestly unjust to subject the respective Posts to the test of a relative comparison as regards efficiency, without first giving notice that a thing was to be done, or, in other words, without the Territorial Encampment first expressing its wish and desire that such relative comparison be made.

It is my belief, however, that if it were once understood, that each Post had to stand on its own merits for its relative rank as regards discipline and soldierly qualifications, without regard to its small or large membership, it would be productive of a generous emulation between the Posts, that could but result in great gain to the Department as a whole.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON,
Inspector General.

Report of Delegate to the National Encampment.

HELENA, Montana, September 1st, 1886.

COMRADE LEVI E. HOLMES, *Assistant Adjutant General,*

Department of Montana, G. A. R.,

Dear Sir:

At the last annual session I was elected to represent this Department in the Twentieth Annual Session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in San Francisco, in the then ensuing August, and I desire to make a report to the

Commander-in-Chief and comrades, of such matters as in my view will be interesting and useful, and of my action thereat:

The annual meeting of our organization for the first time upon the shores of the Pacific Ocean, was largely attended by representatives from the several portions of the United States, and I think from every State and Territory.

The magnitude of the attendance was such as to indicate the increasing interest which clusters around the organization, and the hospitality of the citizens of California, demonstrated how large a place it holds in the affections and gratitude of the American people. A hospitality was proffered it by the citizens upon the western shore of the Continent so sincere in quality and abounding in quantity, as to make us all feel that California remembers gratefully the services of the soldiers of the Republic during the late rebellion. The very remoteness of our meeting from the residences of a large majority of those in attendance, no doubt made it seem fitting to the people of California, that they should give us a greeting hitherto unparalleled; and the comrades of the various Grand Army Posts manifested a profusion of hospitality impossible of description, and the officers and citizens of the State assisted them in this demonstration, and nothing occurred in any way to mar the pleasure of our visit.

Considering the distance to be traveled, the attendance was surprisingly large, and at least eleven thousand comrades joined our procession of the 5th of August in San Francisco.

Various outlying towns of California invited the Grand Army of the Republic to be their guests, and the hospitality extended by those towns was certainly surprising to our comrades, who were not unused to the hospitality and liberality which characterized the people of California.

The business of the session was transacted in three days, and when we consider the large number of questions to which the attention of the session was called, it is not surprising that some matters were disposed of, without that mature deliberation which their importance demanded. Notably might such a result be expected, when we consider the large number of the members of the National Encampment, who were unfamiliar with parliamentary law, and the anxiety of each comrade to get before the Encampment those considerations which seemed to him controlling, the various questions to be discussed.

First among these questions probable is the matter of pensions to soldiers who served in the armies against the rebellion and were honorably discharged therefrom. This subject has been an absorbing one for the last four or five sessions of the National En-

campment, and growing dissatisfaction with the existing condition of things may be easily observed. The Committee on Pensions consisted of some of the ablest men of the country; in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, they have sought for the last three or four years to obtain from Congress the enactment of a law whereby pensions could be secured. *First*, to every discharged soldier and sailor who served during the war against the rebellion, of sixty-five years of age or more. *Second*, every one who is disabled or in need, without requiring proof that such disability is in consequence of such service. Thus far have they sought pensions and no farther. They have succeeded in increasing the pensions of widows from eight to twelve dollars per month, but their other efforts thus far have been persistent and futile.

That Committee has also attempted to secure some further legislation increasing pensions already granted, and also an equalization of bounties.

It is quite apparent that what legislation is obtained at the present time, must be wrested from Congress, one house of which at least, is not in earnest sympathy with the end which the Committee has in view.

During all these years many thoughtful comrades have arrived at the conclusion that it is the part of wisdom to pass a law providing for "*Service Pensions*," to every honorably discharged soldier and sailor who served against the rebellion. No doubt that if such a law were passed, the large majority of soldiers who might become pensioners under it, but were not in need of it, would decline to make an application therefor. And a sharply defined controversy exists in our organization between that class of persons whom our Committee on Pensions represent, and those who believe that a service pension bill should be passed.

The argument made by the Committee is, that by the legislation which they propose, every deserving and needy soldier could obtain a pension, and that all others may be fitly omitted from the pension roll. Those who take the opposite view, do not seem to have been so successful in getting their views before the members of the G. A. R., or before the public itself, as their opponents. They say,

First, That the granting of a pension by the National Government to every honorably discharged soldier and sailor, who served in the hour of peril, is just, and in the present condition of public finance, is not at all a piece of extravagance.

Second, That being just, it is right to ask for it, because its effect would be to do away with the large army of pension agents and attorneys, who live upon the pittance of the needy soldiers and

sailors now, applying under existing laws for pensions.

Third, That it would terminate the delays, which are the scandal of the Pension Office, whereby the needy and deserving do not have their cases acted upon in any reasonable time.

Fourth, That the passage of such a law would make every soldier's discharge his pension papers, and therefore, there would be no excuse for these delays.

Fifth, That the witnesses who could testify to the facts necessary now to establish a claim to a pension are either dead or so scattered as to make the procurement of a pension more expensive than the value when secured.

These latter considerations, as matters of fact, seem to be true, and practically their truth is not denied, by those who propose different action. The question is, as to the extent they should appeal to the Congress of the United States.

Another consideration operated upon my own mind in determining the course which I finally took in the San Francisco National Encampment. Inasmuch as it appeared that Congress is now so constituted that pensions will be given grudgingly, it seems desirable to demand of it everything that is just, hoping thereby to extract from it at least, the pittance pensioning the needy, deserving and disabled and aged soldiers who served in the rebellion.

If a strong public sentiment were awakened, favoring the granting of pensions to all soldiers and sailors of the rebellion, doubtless, in the apprehension that such legislation might pass, the enemies of pensions would strive to weaken that public sentiment by selecting out the needy and disabled, as a concession to that public sentiment, while refusing service pensions as such.

A large number of soldiers are now annually dying, whose application, has been on file for many years, but who are unable to get from remote portions of the country, the evidence which is held to be necessary to entitle them to the same, and in many instances officers and comrades have died, and such proof is practically impossible.

No law is proposed by anybody which will compel the acceptance of a pension, and the rich and healthy will not apply for such remuneration. It was said in the Twentieth National Encampment that some delegates in their subordinate Grand Army Posts, professed to favor "Service Pensions," and when they appeared in the National Encampment as representatives, opposed the same; and it seems fair, inasmuch as this seems to be an absorbing question, that the ayes and nays on this sharply defined contention shall be called in the next Encampment, until the actual desires of the subordinate Posts shall find true expression in the National Encampment.

Not desiring any pension myself, I, nevertheless, from considerations which I have indicated, joined the minority of the Committee on Resolutions, in recommending the "Service Pension," hoping thereby to serve the multitude of needy and deserving comrades whose just demands have been so long mocked by technical regulations and provoking delays. Procrastinating these applications is equivalent to a denial of right, and I could not feel that the disabled comrades in asking for a pension, appeared in the guise of mendicants asking for charity, but as persons claiming a promised reward; and I feel that I could not excuse myself to the vast multitude who begin to feel that the Republic is ungrateful, if in so responsible and influential a body, as the National Encampment of the Grand Army, I omitted anything to lift from their shoulders, the burden of proving, under great difficulties, the multifarious facts, which the law and the rules of the Pension Office require.

Entirely mindful that this is a subject about which my comrades of this Department differ, I, nevertheless, am of the opinion, that we should insist that every honorably discharged soldier and sailor of the United States, during the late rebellion, is entitled thereby to a pension, if he request it, and while I shall not seriously demur if we do not obtain such a law, I am satisfied thereby, we shall assist materially, the sick, disabled and needy applicants.

I was requested by the U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, to endeavor to secure from the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, now in the naval or military service of their country, the right to wear the badges of the G. A. R.

It was stated to me, that young officers of the army, at inspections or on occasions of parade, had insolently reproached old soldiers in the ranks, for wearing the insignia of the Grand Army. Thinking that such action should be stopped, I procured the Committee on Resolutions to recommend, and the National Encampment adopted, a resolution which reads as follows:

Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army be requested to procure orders from the Secretary of War, and from the Secretary of the Navy, permitting the officers, soldiers and sailors, who served in the army and navy of the United States, and who belong to this organization, to wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic where so serving.

It was very gratifying in San Francisco to see so large a number of comrades from our own Department in attendance, and to join in so large a procession and march under the banner of Montana. Nearly a hundred comrades taking advantage of the occasion, visited San Francisco during the National Encampment; and Montana had

a larger force marching in procession than any other Territory of the United States, and, in fact, larger than some of the remoter states of the Union.

By the courtesy of the Commander-in-Chief, we have been accorded four Aides-de-Camp in the Territory of Montana. Comrade Ela C. Waters, member of the National Council of Administration, was in attendance at San Francisco, Comrade Charles S. Warren, Commander of the Department of Montana, was in attendance upon the Encampment, and opened there a Headquarters for this Department, which furnished a convenient means of communication between the various comrades from this Territory.

It was at their request that I accepted the position of member from this Department in the National Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

I deem it highly important before I close this report, to say that in my judgment, it is desirable that the Department of Montana be represented in the National Encampments.

I trust that the Comrades elected, at whatever inconvenience involved, will attend these meetings. They are occasions of absorbing interest, and our rapidly decreasing numbers seem to devolve upon us the duty of discharging every labor that the companionship in such an organization involves.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

W. F. SANDERS.

Reading of the Minutes of the Last Encampment.

Only a part of the minutes were read; the remaining part was omitted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Comrades W. F. Sanders, Wm. J. Galbraith and Will Kennedy.

Report of the Special Committee on the Minutes of the Last Annual Encampment.

To the Commander in Chief of the Department of Montana:—

Your special committee, appointed to examine the records of the proceedings of the last Department Encampment, has performed that duty, and is of the opinion that the said proceedings are complete and in perfect form.

The proceedings which are not formal parts of the records are so short that they could be read at the encampment without delay, if any comrades present would so desire.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

W. F. SANDERS,	} Committee.
W. J. GALBRAITH,	
WILL KENNEDY.	

On motion the report of the Committee on Minutes was received and adopted, and the minutes of the last encampment approved.

Election of Department Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The Encampment now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Commander Warren appointed Comrades Wm. Sims and Henry Romeyn as tellers.

COMMANDER.

Comrade Ela C. Waters was then placed in nomination for Department Commander, from Post No. 15, Billings.

A ballot was then taken and resulted in an almost unanimous vote for Comrade Waters as Commander. By motion of Comrade H. S. Howell, the vote was made unanimous, and Comrade Waters was duly declared elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Comrades Will Kennedy, of Winthrop Post, No. 11, and H. S. Howell, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 6, were nominated.

The ballot resulted in casting 18 votes for Comrade Will Kennedy and 19 votes for Comrade Howell.

By motion of Comrade Kennedy the vote for Comrade Howell was made unanimous, and he was duly declared elected as S. V. C.

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Comrades H. C. Kessler, of Lincoln Post, No. 2, and Will Kennedy, of Winthrop Post, No. 11, were placed in nomination. The ballot resulted in the election of Comrade H. C. Kessler, as J. V. C. for the ensuing year.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

It was found by the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R. that this Department is entitled to two delegates, having a membership of over five hundred.

DELEGATES.

Comrades P. R. Dolman, Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte, and G. W. Shaw, of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena, were elected Delegates to the National Encampment.

ALTERNATES.

Comrade J. E. Callaway, of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 6, was elected as alternate for Delegate P. R. Dolman, Comrade M. P. Wyman, of Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12, was elected alternate for Delegate G. W. Shaw.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The following Comrades were unanimously elected :

Will Kennedy, of Winthrop Post, No. 11.

Pierce Hoops, Jr., of Farrogut Post, No. 7.

R. E. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post, No. 3.

C. L. F. Wyman, of Lincoln Post, No. 2.

E. F. Ferris, of Wm. English Post, No. 10.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Comrade G. W. Grant, M. D., of Farragut Post. No. 7, was unanimously elected.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Comrade R. B. Smith, of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, was elected.

PLACE OF HOLDING THE FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Miles City was chosen as the next place of meeting.

RESOLUTION.

On motion, the Ass't. Adj't. General was instructed to procure a blank book, where all members of the Encampment and visiting Comrades should sign their names, and to be kept for future Encampments.

RESOLUTIONS

Presented by a committee and adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment, on the death of Comrade JOHN A. LOGAN:

The members of this Encampment cannot omit, on this occasion, the expression of their sorrow at the death of John A. Logan, the first Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and our admiration for his services and character. In war he was the beau ideal of a soldier—calm and courageous in battle, and ever solicitous for the welfare and honor of his command. In peace he was a Statesman of broad views, wearing out his life in the discharge of official duty; ever without reproach or fear. In his home he was a husband beloved, and his children call him blessed. As a member of our organization, he was imbued with its spirit, devoted to its welfare, and inspired with its illustrious menfoires and renown. As an author he wrote conspicuously and curtly of the mightiest contention of the times.

Charged with the grave duties of State, he gave his life to their discharge, and stood aloof from the sordid occurrences of life, under circumstances where others would have achieved wealth, until the moderation of his fortune is a part of his fame. As a tribute of our gratitude to, and affection for our late Commander-in-Chief, we will in each subordinate Post in this jurisdiction, make special and official effort to increase the sale of the "Great Conspiracy," a noble tribute to our National history, and "The Volunteer Soldier," a post-humous work, soon to be published, of which works General Logan is the author, and the proceeds from the sale of which will comprise the pecuniary resources of his surviving and noble wife, whom we salute with words of affectionate and respectful sympathy in this hour of her great and overwhelming sorrow, with instructions to our Commander-in-Chief to forward to her a copy of this expression of our great grief.

This resolution was presented by Col. W. F. Sanders, and was unanimously, and with deep and solemn feeling, adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment.

Report of the Council of Administration.

To the Third Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic:

COMRADES:—Your Council of Administration, having had under consideration the various reports of the Department Officers for the past year, beg leave to report. That, relative to that portion of Department Commander Warren's report as to dues, the following action was had: Moved by Comrade Callaway, that the clause of the Commander's report, recommending that the dues of all worthy comrades who are unable to pay the same, be referred to the several Posts of the Department, with the recommendation that at their discretion they do remit such dues. Carried.

The report of Ass't. Adj't General Holmes was examined and approved.

The report of Ass't. Q. M. G. Holmes was examined, the accounts audited and found correct.

That portion of Inspector General Eaton's report, recommending a personal inspection of the several posts by the Inspector, is approved, and recommended to the favorable consideration of the Department for its action, with the suggestion that the traveling expenses of the Inspector, to the amount of \$100, be met by the department.

The report of W. F. Sanders, Delegate of the Department of Montana to the 20th National Encampment, reciting his action thereat, meets with the hearty approval of the Council of Administration, and is commended to that of this Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES WARREN, Chairman of C. of A.

By vote of the Encampment the report of the Council of Administration was received and adopted; and by special vote, it was decided to allow the Inspector the sum of \$100 for traveling expenses.

Way and Means were discussed of raising the money to pay the traveling expenses of the Inspector. It was at first moved that when the Inspector visits any post, that the members be assessed 25 cents per capita to meet the expenses of the Inspector. Motion lost.

Moved by Capt. Mills that an inspection fund be raised by levying a tax of 15 cents, the second quarter, on all members. Lost.

It was then moved by Comrade J. G. Sanders that the per capita tax be raised from 25 to 30 cents per capita, in order to raise this inspection fund of \$100. This motion was carried, whereupon Comrade Will Kennedy called the attention of the Encampment to Art. III., of Chapter V., Rules and Regulations G. A. R., setting forth the maximum tax that the Department can assess, "per capita," is \$1 00. The above motion was then declared null and void.

It was then moved by Comrade Callaway, that all motions for extra assessments be laid on the table. Carried.

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS BY CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER SIMS.

The names of the officers elect were called, also the appointed officers, and were duly installed for the ensuing year, by Chief Mustering Officer Sims, and are as follows:

Department Commander, Ela C. Waters.
Senior Vice-Department Commander, H. S. Howell.
Junior Department Commander, H. C. Kessler.
Medical Director, G. W. Grant, M. D.
Assistant Adjutant General, R. C. Webster.
First Quartermaster General, Jas. R. Goss.
Inspector, Capt. Henry Romeyn.
Judge advocate, W. F. Sanders.
Chief Mustering Officer, Ross Deegan.
Assistant Mustering Officer, J. D. Jinks.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Comrades Will Kennedy, Pierce Hoops, Jr., R. E. Fisk, C. F. Wyman and E. F. Ferris.

The Chaplain elect was not present to be installed.

RESOLUTION OF VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING OFFICERS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department are due, and are hereby tendered to the Department Commander, and the members of the staff respectively, for their most admirable and valuable reports.

RESOLUTION ON REPRESENTATION.

Resolved, That each Post in good standing shall be entitled to two representatives, to be elected according to the Rules and Regulations governing the G. A. R., and an additional representative in the ratio of one for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than half that number.

This resolution was presented by Comrade J. G. Sanders, and adopted by the Encampment.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO LINCOLN POST NO. 2, AND TO THE CITIZENS OF BUTTE.

Resolved, That the thanks of this encampment are due, and are hereby tendered to Lincoln Post, No. 2, and to the Comrades and citizens of Butte for their hospitality which they have manifested, and the care they have taken to make our stay in the Silver City of the Northwest enjoyable.

There being no further business to come before the Department, Commander Waters closed the Third Annual Encampment of the Department in due form, *sine die*.

[Attest,] LEVI E. HOLMES,
Ass't. Adj't. General.

ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

SESSION 1887.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MILES CITY, Montana, March 21, 1888. }

Pursuant to General Order No. 8, the Fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at the Hall of the U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, at 10 o'clock A. M., Mch. 21st, 1888.

Department Commander, Ela C. Waters, called the Encampment to order, and, in the absence of Chaplain Smith, prayer was offered by Comrade Wallace.

Roll call, and the following Comrades answered to their names:

Ela C. Waters, Department Commander ; G. W. Grant, Medical Director ; Henry Romeyn, Inspector ; W. F. Sanders, Judge Advocate ; Ross Deegan, Chief Mustering Officer.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Chairman ; R. E. Fisk, E. F. Ferris.

JOHN BUFORD POST, NO. 1.

M. C. Wilkinson, Christian Hanson, C. M. Walker.

LINCOLN POST, NO. 2.

Levi E. Holmes, P. P. C.; Charles Shoemaker.

WADSWORTH POST, NO. 3.

R. E. Fisk, Richard Hoback, A. O. Simons, James McKenzie, P. P. C., J. G. Sanders.

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST, NO. 4.

James H. Mills, W. J. Galbraith.

CUSTER POST, NO. 5.

I. D. Moore.

FRANK P. BLAIR POST, NO. 6.

(Not represented.)

FARRAGUT POST, NO. 7.

John Skillen, P. P. C., George L. Chambers.

STEADMAN POST, NO. 8.

(Not represented.)

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST, NO. 10.

George O. Eaton, W. F. Sanders.

WINTHROP POST, NO. 11.

(Not represented.)

THOMAS L. KANE POST, NO. 12.

M. P. Wyman, Geo. R. Davis, P. P. C., H. C. Tuttle.

J. B. McPHERSON POST, NO. 13.

A. S. Kellogg, P. P. C., V. A. Cook.

U. S. GRANT POST, NO. 14,

Wm. Harmon, Charles H. Allen, P. P. C. John Tully.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST, NO. 15.

S. A. Wallace.

GEORGE G. MEADE POST, NO. 16.

(Not represented.)

Report of Department Commander.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:—

In calling to order this Fourth Annual Encampment, I welcome you as representatives of the remnant of the grandest Army ever known to the world—as the representatives of an army that did more for mankind and civilization than any army that history ever recorded.

As we go back to the great armies that have been, and their achievements, commencing with that great army that left New Carthage, commanded by that great warrior, Hannibal, some 218 years before the Christian era, which performed a most tiresome and hazardous march over the Pyrinees, up the Rhone, across the plains, and finally over the Alps, landing his battered, broken army in the heart of the Roman Empire, and there, with his noble Carthaginian army, assisted by their Gaulish allies, waged a victorious war and conquest for fourteen long years, surrounded, seemingly, on all sides by their Roman enemies; they waged a war of extermination, and even rapped at the gates of Rome. This army was a noble one, and was composed of brave, heroic men, and was led by Hannibal, the greatest son of Carthage. But with all their heroisms, with all their sacrifices and bloody battles, they were hurled back to Carthage, a

broken, bleeding remnant, scarcely reaching 3,000 disheartened men ; but not until they had left upon the bloody fields of battle, 300,000 of their Roman foes ; and thus went down to history the deeds of that great Carthaginian army.

And then we come to the great Roman armies, commanded by Pompey and Julius Cæsar, with his Roman gladiators, soldiers and allies, that conquered all the barbaric tribes, and finally waged war upon and conquered the Germans, Gauls, Thracians and Parthians. Finally, after twelve long years of bloody war Cæsar and his noble army were in command of land and sea, having left on one bloody field 150,000 slain. Extending their conquests to Egyptian shores, they there dethroned Cleopatra, history's most beautiful queen, making her and her army prisoners. Then they returned to Roman shores, to extinguish the last flickering light of Pompey's fragmentary, fleeing army and allied hosts. And thus the sun went down upon that victorious Roman army, with Cæsar, its commander, a mangled, bleeding corpse, assassinated by a hand that should have been first to strike terror to his foes.

And then we read of Frederick the Great and his victorious army, his many victories and his many conquests.

We readily recall the victories won by Oliver Cromwell and his army of sturdy Britons, as they swept over England, Ireland and Scotland, laying waste everything controlled by the crown ; and their religious ambition was not satisfied until Charles the First was beheaded, and his family seemingly forever banished.

Still further on we arrive at the scene of action of Napoleon the Great, and his seemingly unconquerable army ; we see them in Italy as they are waiting for a commander, unclothed, unfed, unshod. We see Napoleon, the beardless, almost boy, as he replies to one of the Directory, when he remarks : " You are rather young to assume the responsibilities of eighty, and to take command of our veteran Generals." Standing erect, eyes flashing, cheeks burning, and a hand trembling with emotion, he replies : " It is not well for one to talk to me of war, and of being too young, who has never smelled powder nor heard the din of battle. In one year I shall either be older or dead."

He is given command of the army of Italy, and is shortly with his depleted troops. By his great genius his army is enthused with his youthful vigor and action. In less than six weeks, that depleted, disorderly and disheartened army, has won, under the magic touch of Napoleon's great mind, victory upon victory : and with less than 40,000 men, that grand army has killed, wounded and taken prisoner 220,000 Italian and Austrian veterans.

Again we see this grand Army at Lodi, Rivoli, Castiglio, Arcola, Millesimo; and again we see them toiling over the burning sands of Egypt, and still further on, in Jerusalem. Again we see them in Italy. Again they are at the fiercely-fought and victorious battle of Marengo, which re-conquered Italy, victorious at Pontebello, at the Black Forest, and at the Danube—victory ever perching on their standard, and they knew not of defeat.

Again we see them at the battle of Austerlitz, on that bright December morning, when Russian, Austrian and German hosts all combined to annihilate them; and before the sun went down these combined forces were defeated; either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

Again we see them at the destruction of Moscow, and in our mind's eye, we are with them as they toil through snow and ice, unfed, unclothed and unprotected from the drifting snow and sleet.. We see Marshal Ney, "the bravest of the brave," as he covers their retreat, battling against thousands with as many hundreds. His fragments of troops charge and re-charge, seemingly at superhuman efforts, and cut their way through the dense columns of sturdy Russians, and finally reaching their native land, broken and disheartened, with scarcely a remnant left to tell the tale. But again the veterans are brought forth, and their lines swelled by patriotic, heroic men; and we find them on the bloody field of Waterloo. Struggle after struggle, charge after charge, was showered upon the solid English squares. Ney, in command of the Old Guard, went forth to do or to die; and amid carnage and death's havoc, they melted away, as do the snows on the mountain tops, before the mid-day sun. And thus went to history's brightest pages, the deeds of this grand army, and its grand commander.

And now we are with the noble army of Washington, as they battle for the right. We see them at Bunker Hill, at Ticonderoga, at Valley Forge, and we are with them as they cross the ice-bound Delaware. We see them contending against almost overwhelming odds of Hessian hirelings. We see them tattered and torn, reduced to the fragment of an army, but with true American patriotism their ranks are replenished, discipline restored, and while husbanding their strength for the mighty struggle, there is a hushed stillness, as if the Gods would have it so; so that army prepared for the mighty conflict. Yorktown was to be the scene of a most glorious victory—a victory that made America the "land of the free," and placed on high the Stars and Stripes, which to-day command the respect and admiration of the whole world. That day is the day that set America free from a tyrant's yoke. God bless that noble army.

God bless those heroic souls, that offered up their lives so willingly, that this nation might be free. They little knew of their future greatness, or of the greatness of the land for which they fought. They had drunk in the air of freedom, and they fought with the courage of freedom; and with the assistance of Divine Providence, they were victorious, winning for future generations a most noble heritage, which, under the guardian care of their children, and their children's children, has developed into the greatest and most noble of all nations; and leaving those dear, care-worn forefathers to the place assigned them by history, I arrive at the Grand Army, of which you are the worthy representatives.

You are the representatives of that Grand Army which gave to this land of ours the rightful name of "The Land of the Free." In all the length and breadth of this broad land, there are none but free men. The Grand Army that you represent has done much for one generation. They have put down a most unholy rebellion—a rebellion that shook the nation from center to circumference, rocking her to and fro, tottering first to the right and then to the left, so greatly was she shaken upon her strong foundation.

Those were times that "tried men's souls." But this Grand Army went forth in those dark, dark days—went forth from their country homes, their counting houses, their families and loving friends, all at their country's call.

They endured hardships, which none but those that were there, can ever know. I can see them at Gettysburg, at Lookout Mountain, at Fort Donelson and Vicksburg, in the wilderness, at Stone River, at Chickamahga and Chancellorsville, at Pittsburgh Landing and in the Shenandoah. I can see them at Atlanta and on the glorious march to the sea; and in all these trying scenes, this army was the same stubborn, persistent foe. With the same lofty aim, with the same patriotism and loyalty, they struggled on, and finally victory crowned their efforts, and the Union was preserved, the old banner was kept on high, and the chains that bound four million souls were forever broken.

While the armies of Greece and Rome, of Germany, of England, France and Russia were great and noble ones, yet the Grand Army that fought from 1861 to 1865, was by far the greater. The armies of the Old World fought—some for conquest, some to protect a royal crown, while others fought for the self-aggrandizement of a single soul; but your noble army fought—not for self-aggrandizement, but that you might raise to the light of day, those down-trodden wretches of humanity, and bid them go forth as free and loyal men. That same spirit of loyalty and manhood prevailed at Appomattox, in

dealing with your conquered foes. They were not stripped of their all; they were not treated as a vanquished army, but like brothers of an erring kind. The great struggle of arms, that you so well remember, was at an end, and they went back to their homes and harvest fields, their work-shops and counting rooms. Many venturesome spirits went to the far West, then an unknown wilderness; and there developed for themselves and families happy and prosperous homes. And during these past, and seemingly short twenty-eight years, this nation has nearly paid that monstrous debt—paid by the same generation and the same hands that fought to destroy and save it.

These are facts. Where in the pages of history do you find a nobler record? And still this government shrinks from its duty towards its protectors; turns a deaf ear upon those who saved it from destruction, and kept its flag on high. Yes, as they go down the stream of life, battered and broken beings, that constitution once so strong and full of vigor, has been shattered from exposure, or nearly consumed by disease, that, too, contracted while fighting for their country. And in their declining years and feeble condition, they are reminded of a Nation's love, of this government's gratitude, as they are introduced to some lonely home in a country poor house. How kind! how considerate! but such is the gratitude of selfish man.

But thanks to the Grand Army of the Republic of to-day, those things are not allowed to be. That army, so noble in war, is still greater in peace; and those unfortunate comrades are cared for at your expense. That same noble spirit prevails among you, and you are doing for those enfeebled comrades, that which our government has neglected to do—yes, thrice refused, although the treasury is now expanding nearly beyond its capacity.

During the past year, there has been expended by the G. A. R. in relieving its needy and destitute comrades, and their families, \$253,934; dispensed among some 24,585 persons. And I will venture to state, that there has been fully that amount contributed by private subscriptions by members of the G. A. R. in, and for the relief of their dependent and infirm comrades; making in round numbers, a grand total of over \$500,000; and such is the work of the G. A. R. of to-day.

But while we care for those enfeebled and infirm, let us not forget the noble dead, who gave up their lives for their country; some dying in the midst of bloody battles; while many gave up their lives in Southern prisons, mocked by famine and starvation, as the breath of life went forth from their feeble and emaciated bodies. Let us

pay to them such tributes as are still in our power, and by yearly decorating their graves, we not only pay them a just and kindly remembrance, but inspire in the rising generation, that spirit of loyalty and patriotism, so necessary to the welfare of all nations.

REPORTS.

I invite your attention to the reports of the officers, which will show in detail, the work of the several departments.

FINANCES.

I would call your attention to the Acting Assistant Quartermaster General's report, wherein it will be seen that strict economy has been practiced, and that our funds are left in an excellent condition, although we have made several necessary improvements, in the way of traveling, field desk, books, stationery, etc. We still have in the Acting Quartermaster's hands \$387.84, an increase of \$117.84, since our last Encampment.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Posts, and find them in a flourishing condition:

John Buford, Lincoln, Wadsworth, George H. Thomas, Farragut, William English, R. C. Winthrop, Thomas L. Kane, J. B. McPherson, U. S. Grant, John A. Logan, George G. Meade.

The only Posts not visited are Custer, Frank P. Blair and Steadman. Everywhere I have been received in the most cordial manner, and I cannot refrain from taking this opportunity of extending to my beloved comrades, my sincere appreciation of the courtesies extended to me, and for the warm, soldierly welcome, given me at the several Posts. They shall ever be held in grateful remembrance.

NEW POSTS.

During the past year, there has been established in the Department, one new Post, George G. Meade, No. 16; and there is every prospect that there will soon be three other Posts established in this Department. Every effort has been made at Department Headquarters to stimulate their organization, and I trust soon to see them mustered.

TITLES.

I will introduce a subject, that I earnestly commend to your attention and consideration, and in so doing, will quote from a letter of Past Commander Kuntz's report to the National Encampment, Portland, which is applicable to my case:

"I sincerely trust that G. A. R. generals, everywhere, will take position to mold a sentiment among comrades, against the lavish misuse of titles. Not only is the writer spoken of by the press as "General," but nearly all documents and letters received by him, come addressed in the same way, or by some other distinction of rank to which he never attained. While no comrade more highly honors the soldiers who have worthily won and worn rank and title, in the army, yet, in justice to such, to the rank and file, and to the fact, he reminds all that his line of duty was in the ranks of the army of his country; wherein he believes faithful service is a distinction and honor, of which any American citizen may justly feel a glowing pride."

Experience has strengthened in my mind, the opinion expressed by Comrade Kuntz, and I trust the abuse will be corrected.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

I am happy to be able to state that there has been established four Camps of Sons of Veterans in this Department, all of which are in good order, and in a flourishing condition.

In conclusion, allow me to extend to the officers of this Department, my most humble and sincere thanks, for their hearty support and co-operation. They have each, and every one of them, discharged their respective duties, in a manner highly commendable to themselves and to the Department.

My fellow comrades, it will always be a source of great pleasure and pride for me, to look back in my declining years, to the year when I was your Department Commander. The association will ever be the brightest of life's memories: and may He, who doeth all things well, keep you in Fidelity, Charity and Loyalty, and may He ever watch over all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

E. C. WATERS,
Department Commander.

Assistant Adjutant General's Report.

MILES CITY, Montana, March 21st, 1888.

TO ELA C. WATERS,
Department Commander.

Comrade:

As required by rules and regulations, I have the honor to submit the following report:

Comrade R. C. Webster, who was appointed by you at Third Annual Encampment, to be Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, and having resigned his position, October 22d, 1887, by General Order No. 6, dated October 25th, 1887, you did me the honor to appoint me as his successor.

When Comrade Webster assumed the duties of this office, there was 519 members in good standing in this Department.

There has been chartered in the Department during the year, George G. Meade Post, No. 16; T. C. Davidson, Post Commander.

The gains and losses for the year are as follows:

GAINS—By muster	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
By transfer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
By re-instatement,	-	-	-	-	-	-	324
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Total gains,	-	-	-	-	-	-	431
LOSSES—By death,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
By honorable discharge,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
By transfer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
By suspension,	-	-	-	-	-	-	412
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Total losses,	-	-	-	-	-	-	444

This leaves a balance of 506 members in good standing, showing a loss of 13 members; there are two Posts with total membership of 36, that were necessarily suspended, by being delinquent, which will be re-instated the present quarter, as their reports have been received since being reported delinquent, so that we have an actual gain of 23.

There has been expended in charity, as shown by the quarterly returns, \$374.38, but if to this sum we could add the actual amount paid out by individual comrades, I have no doubt the amount would quadruple the sum above mentioned.

Before concluding, I feel as though I ought to mention Comrade Webster, who so faithfully performed the duties of this office, for the first three quarters of the year. He was one qualified by business experience, by taste, and by ambition, to fill this office, and he did his duty so faithfully as to merit the thanks of this Encampment. I also desire to return my thanks to you, Commander, for your uniform kindness and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CULVER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Acting Assistant Quartermaster's Report.

MILES CITY, Montana, March 21st, 1888.

TO ELA C. WATERS,

Department Commander.

Comrade:

I have the honor to submit the following financial report of this office, since February 22d, 1887:

RECEIPTS.

From Past A. A. Q. M. G., L. E. Holmes,	-	\$270 00
From per capita tax,	- - - - -	525 50
From sale of supplies,	- - - - -	184 08
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Total receipts,	- - - - -	\$979 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

Per Capita Tax	- - - - -	\$ 17 27
Desk and Blank Books	- - - - -	18 00
Expenses Inspector General	- - - - -	96 20
Supplies	- - - - -	85 05
Salary A. A. G. and Expenses	- - - - -	116 33
All Other Disbursements	- - - - -	258 89
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Total disbursements	- - - - -	\$591 74
Balance Cash on Hand	- - - - -	387 84

The number of supplies remaining on hand amount to \$81 28, as charged for at the Quartermaster General's office.

As my appointment was made to this office, on the resignation of Comrade R. C. Webster, October 22d, 1887, we ought to thank him for the work he did in this office, the first three-quarters of the year; his accounts will bear the closest scrutiny and receive the highest praise.

As I leave my official position to once more join the ranks of this Grand Army, I desire to thank you, Commander, for your many courtesies.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. CULVER,

Acting Asst. Q. M. Generrl.

Inspector General's Report.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,	}
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,	
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,	
FORT KEOGH, Mont. Ter., Mch. 21, 1888.	

To the Asst. Adj't General, Dept. of Montana, G. A. R:—

COMRADE: I have to submit the following report of duties performed by me, during the past year:

The Encampment which met in Butte City, February, 1887, having appropriated \$100 for the expenses of the ensuing year, I visited during the months of July and August, 1887, all the Posts in the Territory, accessible by railroad, or which could be reached from it, without overrunning the appropriation.

They were as follows :

Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12, Glendive.

John Buford Post No. 1, Fort Custer.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

George H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge,

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte City.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Ten in all. Owing to the distance many Comrades reside from the place of meeting, and the difficulty which exists in most towns of using the same hall for several societies, it was found very difficult to get together a quorum, if the visit of the Inspector was made on any other than the regular time for the Post meeting. And in some instances, the only inspection that could be made, was of books, papers and money accounts.

It was found that while all the funds had been properly accounted for, and in most instances books were neatly and properly kept, there were some Posts in which not much attention had been paid to forms, the Comrades seeming to be of the opinion that so long as the Post was satisfied with the expenditures, that was all that was required.

In addition to the questions on the printed form "H," others tending to elicit information on the following points were asked :

Soldiers, inmates of alms houses.

Of these, only two were found, and one man cared for in post hospital at Fort Custer.

Transportation was obtained for those in Custer County Alms House to the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee, Wis., and one sent, but the other committed suicide, insane, the day before his transportation was received. Another, discharged from the regular service at Fort Keogh, worn out with long and hard service, was also provided with a place at the same Home.

SOLDIER'S WIDOWS OR ORPHANS DEPENDENT UPON CHARITY.

None were reported as wholly dependent, though several have received aid during the past year. Careful inquiry disclosed the fact that in what might perhaps be considered the modesty of charity, comrades in many instances gave it privately, making no record of the fact, which, while it may get equal or more credit in the heart of the relieved, does not make possible statement of the amount contributed by the order for charitable purposes.

SOLDIER'S GRAVES UNMARKED BY GRAVE STONES.

A number were so reported, and Comrades making the report were instructed how to proceed in order to procure them from the Quartermaster General of the Army, at Washington.

DEATHS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Eight deaths are reported, but as the returns are in some cases defective, all may not have been accounted for. The number known is certainly but small, for the number of Comrades in the Department.

DELAYED PENSIONS.

Inquiry under this head was made, not with the hope of aiding individual cases, so much as ascertaining if any action, looking to hastening or accelerating, in any way, the work of the Pension Bureau might be deemed necessary at the next meeting of the Department or National Encampment. But one or two cases were cited, and the reason for delay was found to be for the want of required evidence. In this connection, it may not be out of place to state that close attention to the column known as "The Question Squad," in the *National Tribune*, since January 1st, 1877, has enabled me to furnish information required by over twenty applicants, of those with whom they or their friends had served during the war. It is recommended that comrades who take the *National Tribune* scrutinize the column referred to carefully, and if they can furnish the desired information, do so without delay.

Some irregularities were found in the way of conducting meetings. In some cases the countersign was not demanded; the Officer of the Day merely verifying by a glance around the room the membership of those present. In one instance a number of candidates were balloted for in a body, thus preventing comrades from refusing, or keeping out any one person, not desired by them as a member of the Post or Order. One Post Commander, obliged to leave the hall, turned over the command to the Adjutant, though the Senior Vice-Commander was present and acting.

I found in some posts that no warrants were issued for payments or disbursements by the Quartermaster, he having only the verbal authority of the Post Commander for his action. While no reason was found for doubting the correctness of the accounts, it is deemed highly necessary, in order to avoid what may be very unpleasant questions, to insist upon a strict compliance in this particular.

I am unable, owing to delay in reports from some posts, to give exact membership of the Order in this Department.

Not half of the Comrades of the Department are uniformed. While such a state of things is very desirable, many of them are

in reduced circumstances, and the cost of a full uniform could not well be met, though a blouse and hat or cap would not cost much.

Many of the Posts have no muskets. They can be bought from the Government at \$1.25 each, and belt, cartridge box and cap pouch at 50 cents each, by sending draft or postal money order for not less than ten (10), with \$1 for box to pack them in, to the Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., with directions for shipment.

Believing that careful and systematic inspections would be of value, it is earnestly recommended, that, if the funds of the department will permit, at least 50 per cent. be added to the amount appropriated last year, and that if possible, each Post be inspected by the Department inspector, or by a Comrade detailed for the purpose, from some other Post, his actual expenses to be paid from the funds thus appropriated. This course would tend to produce uniformity, would prevent any glossing over of faults, or lack of interest, and would tend to build up, in a great measure, the feeling of comradeship.

An attempt was made during the past Autumn, to provide a course of lectures, by General B. M. Prentiss, of Missouri, on the battle of Shilo, but not enough engagements could be made to pay him to come to the Territory.

There are many ways, as yet untried in this Department, by which the Grand Army can make itself a social power throughout the Territory and add to its usefulness, as well as to the interest of its members. It can collect and preserve what is now largely unwritten history of the great struggle in which its members took part. This history will interest as well as instruct the young, those on whom the country must depend when we are "mustered out." In many cases it can conduct a course of lectures, not on war subjects only, but on those of a more general nature, and add to its relief fund, while it helps mould public opinion and foster intelligence among the people, and imbue the young with principles of loyalty to a whole country, and teach them the value of the privileges which we now enjoy.

Comrades who can, should be encouraged to put in writing, to be read before their Posts, and then filed among its records, some of their experiences during their service, or to give verbally at Post meetings reminiscences of it. That would not only interest at the time, but, by comparison with others, be of value in correcting or verifying the statements of history.

All who are eligible should be encouraged to join the Order. By uniting with the organization they would not only be themselves

benefitted, but benefit others, and add to the bulwark, which, appearances indicate, will be much needed against socialistic and anarchial influences.

In this connection, it may not be amiss to call attention to our successors, "The Sons of Veterans," of which four Camps or local organizations now exist in this Territory. I have had the good fortune to be present at the organization of two of them, and have been very favorably impressed with the earnestness displayed by those interested, and by the loyal, patriotic sentiments expressed in their ritual and ceremonies.

The time is not far distant when the Grand Army of the Republic must cease to exist. Its principles must still live, and there can be no more certain mode of their perpetuation than by inheritance; and a body of young men, easily made a quarter of a million strong, taught to revere liberty as distinguished from license, and to love their country, honor its constitution and obey its laws, will constitute a force before which treason and anarchy will be powerless.

HENRY ROMEYN,

Inspector General.

Report of Delegate to National Encampment.

BUTTE CITY, Montana, March 17th, 1888.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL,

Department of Montana, G. A. R.,

Comrade:

At the last annual session, I was elected one of the delegates to represent this Department in the Twenty-first Annual Session of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, the following September; and I would respectfully report to the Commander-in-Chief and comrades, that our reception by the citizens of St. Louis was of the most hospitable character. Nothing seemed to remain undone to make our stay very pleasant, notwithstanding it rained every day during our meeting. This was the more gratifying, as it was the first National Encampment held upon the late slave territory.

I would respectfully recommend to the Encampment the importance of having the National flag and banners suitably inscribed, procured by the Department, for the use of Department Headquarters, at the National Encampment. This should be attended to, as the great Territory of Montana cannot afford to be clear behind other Departments.

I would respectfully recommend that the Encampment adopt a suitable badge, to be worn by all comrades attending our National

Encampment, and order a sufficient quantity to supply all those who may attend.

In the absence of all Department officers, I opened Headquarters at the Southern Hotel, on the same floor with National Headquarters. I was ably assisted by my co-delegate, Comrade G. W. Shaw, and Comrade W. F. Sanders, of the National Council of Administration.

We did what we could to make our Headquarters a rallying point for all Montana comrades and citizens, many of whom honored us with their presence, to say nothing of hundreds of comrades and ladies from other States and Territories.

In F., C. and L.,

P. R. DOLMAN.

Motion made and seconded, that each comrade should be allowed but one vote upon any question before Encampment. Carried.

Verbal report of Chief Mustering Officer.

Motion made and seconded, that the sum of \$50 be allowed from Department funds, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Department Headquarters at the next National Encampment, and that the representatives to said Encampment present an itemized bill of the same. Carried.

Reading of Minutes of Third Department Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to read such portion of the minutes, as in his judgment he deemed of interest to the Encampment.

Resolution presented by Comrade J. G. Sanders, at Third Department Encampment, in relation to representatives to Department Encampments, recorded in Minutes Book, page 64. second line, changed to read, "entitled to two Representatives."

Verbal report of Council of Administration.

Motion made and seconded, that the incoming Department Commander appoint a committee of three, to prepare and have printed, the proceedings of the four Department Encampments that have been held in this Department; said minutes to include roster of all Posts in the Department, and that a sum not to exceed \$175 be appropriated for the purpose. Carried.

On motion, duly seconded, the Encampment took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Encampment called to order at 3 p. m.

All members responded at roll-call.

Nomination of Officers.

Department Commander appointed as tellers, Mills, Hoopes, Jr. and G. R. Davis.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade J. G. Sanders, of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena, was placed in nomination. There being no other nominations, on motion, duly seconded, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade J. G. Sanders for Department Commander, which being done, Comrade Sanders was declared duly elected.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade Henry Romeyn, of U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, Miles City, being the only comrade placed in nomination, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Romeyn for Senior Vice Commander, which being done, Comrade Henry Romeyn was declared duly elected.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade V. A. Cook, of J. B. McPherson Post, No. 13, Boulder, being the only comrade nominated, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade V. A. Cook for Junior Vice Commander, which being done Comrade Cook was declared duly elected.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Comrade E. A. Koerper, of U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, Miles City, being the only comrade nominated the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Koerper, for Medical Director, which being done, Comrade E. A. Koerper was declared duly elected.

CHAPLAIN.

Comrade S. A. Wallace, of John A. Logan Post, No. 15, Billings, being the only comrade nominated, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Wallace for Chaplain, which being done, Comrade S. A. Wallace was declared duly elected.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The following named candidates were placed in nomination:

Comrade M. C. Wilkinson.	Comrade W. F. Sanders.
“ Chas. Shoemaker.	“ Jas. H. Mills.
“ J. L. Sloan.	“ A. S. Kellogg.
“ J. D. Jenks.	“ L. E. Holmes.
“ L. S. Wilson.	

The balloting resulted in the election of Comrades M. C. Wilkinson, L. S. Wilson, Chas. Shoemaker, J. L. Sloan, A. S. Kellogg as Council of Administration.

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The following named Comrades were placed in nomination :
Comrade James H. Mills, Comrade R. E. Fisk,
 " J. E. Callaway, " M. P. Wyman.

Motion made and seconded that the two comrades receiving the greatest number of votes be declared the Delegates, and the two receiving the least votes be the Alternates. Carried.

The ballot resulted in electing as Delegates to the National Encampment:

Comrades Jas. H. Mills and Moses P. Wyman; Alternates—R. E. Fisk and J. E. Callaway.

Moved by Comrade Holmes, and duly seconded, that the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General, for the ensuing year, be made \$150, and that the sum of \$50 be added to the salary of the A. A. G. for the past year, to be divided *pro rata*, between the two Comrades who have filled that position for the past year. Carried.

By ballot, Helena was chosen as the place for holding the Fifth Annual Encampment.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Council of Administration was instructed to call the next Annual Encampment some time between April 1st and April 30th, 1889.

Comrade Romeyn, in behalf of the U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, invited all Comrades to attend a banquet to be held on evening of Mch. 22d, 1888, at the Maqueen Hotel.

Encampment adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M., March 22d, 1888.
March 22d, 1888.

Encampment called to order at 10 A. M.

All members present at roll-call.

On motion, duly seconded, it was ordered that the appropriation for the expenses of the Inspector General for the coming year, be an amount not to exceed \$150. Carried.

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Chief Mustering Officer, Ross Deegan, proceeded to install Department officers, as follows:

Department Commander,	-	-	-	J. G. Sanders.
Senior Vice Commander,	-	-	-	Henry Romeyn.
Junior Vice Commander,	-	-	-	V. A. Cook.
Medical Director,	-	-	-	E. A. Koerper.
Chaplain,	-	-	-	Rev. S. A. Wallace.

After installation, the newly installed Department Commander, named his staff as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General,	-	-	-	John Moffitt.
Assistant Quartermaster General,	-	-	-	A. O. Simons.
Inspector General,	-	-	-	G. W. Grant.
Judge Advocate General,	-	-	-	J. E. Callaway.
Chief Mustering Officer,	-	-	-	J. D. Jenks.
Assistant Mustering Officer,	-	-	-	J. D. Moore.

The newly appointed Assistant Adjutant General, the Judge Advocate General, and the Chief Mustering Officer were not present. The Assistant Quartermaster General, the Inspector General and the Assistant Mustering Officer were then duly installed.

Comrade Holmes suggested, endorsed by W. F. Sanders, that the Assistant Adjutant General ask the Adjutant General for information in regard to the installation of Department officers. If there is a prescribed service for the same?

Department Commander Sanders appointed as committee to publish minutes of Annual Encampments, Comrades T. P. Fuller, A. J. Fisk and W. F. Sanders. One-half the number printed to be distributed pro rata, to different Posts in Department.

The Medical Director having arrived he was duly installed.

A lively debate took place in non-payment of dues, and how best to rectify the same, and avoid suspension, but no conclusion was arrived at.

The following resolutions were offered by Comrade V. A. Cook and adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, are due to U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, and Captain Romeyn, its Commander, to the citizens of Miles City, to the proprietors of the hall in which our meetings have been held, and the Societies meeting therein, and to the band of the 5th Infantry, for the abounding hospitality and unfailing courtesy with which we have been entertained during the session of this Encampment.

Resolved, That this Encampment holds in high appreciation and grateful memory, the services of Past Commander Elia C. Waters, and his efficient staff rendered to this Department during the year now closed.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, Commander Sanders closed the Fourth Annual Encampment in due form.

ROSTER.

JOHN BUFORD POST NO. 1.

Fort Custer.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Christian Hanson, Commander.
 Lorenzo W. Cook, S. V. Commander.
 John Fleming, J. V. Commander.
 Erastus M. Walker, Adjutant.
 Charles M. Schwarzmaier, Quartermaster.
 Melville C. Wilkinson, Surgeon.
 Hugh Weir, Chaplain.
 William Henry, Officer of the Day.
 Patrick McGuire, Officer of the Guard.
 ——— Sergeant Major.
 ——— Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. H. Macomber.
 Curtis E. Price.

Joseph Rheinhart.
 F. D. Upham.

NAME.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.	REMARK.
Abbott, Charles.....	G	2d U. S. Cavalry.....		
Alexander, James.....	D	10th N. Y. Cavalry.....		
Baker, Joseph.....	A	91st Penn. Infantry.....	Pennsylvania.....	
Banning, James.....	L	4th U. S. Cavalry.....		
Barnett, Philip.....	D	1st Nev. Cavalry.....		
Berth, Hugo B.....	D	176th N. Y. Infantry.....		
Birch, James.....	3	New Jersey L. Battery	Ft. Custer, Mont.....	
Bishop, Richard.....	I	5th N. Y. Vet. Vol.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	
Blakeburne, A. W.....	D	24th Ind. Infantry.....	Sdrs' Home, Wa.D.C.	
Booth, Wm. L.....	G	1st N. J. Cavalry.....	Walla Walla, W. T...	
Borden, Geo. P.....	C	121st N. Y. Infantry.....	Ft. Keogh, Mont.....	
Boutelle, Frazier A.....	A	5th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....	
Bowers, G. L.....	M	1st M'd Cavalry.....		
Braun, Andrew.....	I	43d N. Y. Infantry.....		
Brigham, Lucieu V.....	C	4th Mich. Infantry.....		
Brummer, Chas.....	B	162d N. Y. Infantry.....	Walla Walla, W. T...	
Burke, Levi.....	D	12th U. S. Infantry.....	Seattle, W. T.....	
Byrne, Dennis.....	G	5th U. S. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....	
Cahill, John.....	D	U. S. Eng. Corps.....	Ft. Leavenworth, Ka	
Chamberlain, James.....	D	33d Ill. Infantry.....	Walla Walla, W. T...	
Connor, Andrew.....	A	16th U. S. Infantry.....		
Conner, Thos. W.....	I	1st Minn. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont ..	
Connors, John.....	E	13th U. S. Infantry.....		
Cook, George.....	E	48th N. Y. Infantry.....	Ft. Sherman, I. T.....	
Cook, L. W.....	H	27th Wis. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....	
Crum, Richard.....	C	2d N. Y. Cavalry.....	Walla Walla, W. T...	
Cunningham, Thos.....	F	5th N. Y. H. Artillery	Ship Island, Miss.....	
Cummings, John.....		U. S. S. Fairy.....		
Dalton, Thos.....	C	3d U. S. Infantry.....		

Died May 3, '87

Davis, James N.	B	30th Ill. Infantry		Died Dec. 9, '85
Dugal, James	D	1st U. S. Cavalry	Camp Sheridan, Wy.	
Farrell, Robert H.		U. S. S. Brown		
Finnegan, Patrick	C	2d U. S. Cavalry		
Fishel, Samuel K.	H	12th Iowa Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
Fisher, Ed. G.		U. S. S. Passiac	Ft. Leavenworth, Ka	
Fisher, George	E	3d U. S. Artillary	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Fisher, William		U. S. S. Aphoxdite		
Fitzgerald, Patrick	K	12th Ill. Infantry		
Fleming, John	K	88th Penn. Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
Frederic, Henry		U. S. S. Louisville	Bar Bluffs, Mont.	
Freeman, Henry	E	3d U. S. Artillary	Ft. Custer, Mont.	
Garretty, Frank D.	G	15th Kv Infantry	St. Paul, Minn	
Glessner, Philip	E	3d N. Y. Cavalry	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Granneckstadtien, John	F	31st N. Y. Infantry	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Hallaghan, John	G	162d N. Y. Infantry	Ft. Bayard, N. M.	
Hanson, Christian	D	14th N. Y. Cavalry	Ft. Custer, Mont.	
Hard, Henry C.	F	7th Ind Infantry		
Harris, Moses	G	1st U. S. Cavalry	Camp Sheridan, Wy	
Helms, Benjamin	E	4th Ohio Cavalry	Ft. Custer, Mont.	
Hennecke, Heinrich	K	41st N. Y. Infantry		
Henry, William		U. S. S. Suwanee	Ft. Custer, Mont.	
Irwin, William	C	2nd U. S. Cavalry		
Jackson, James	C	12th U. S. Infantry	New York City.	
Jackson, Thomas	H	11th Conn. Infantry	Sdrs' Home, Wa.D.C.	
Jones, John W.	F	1st Tenn. Reserve	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Kennedy, Thomas	K	1st M'd Cavalry	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Koenig, Godfrey	I	1st N. Y. Cavalry	San Diego, Cal	
Lane, Daniel F.	H	2d D. C. Infantry	St. Paul, Minn	
Laut, Frederick	C	178th N. Y. Infantry		
Leahey, Nicholas	D	9th Maine Infantry		
Leibe, Adolph	E	3d N. Y. Infantry		
Lellbach, Christian	K	12th N. Y. Cavalry		
Lemaire, John	B	176th N. Y. Infantry		
Lindsay, Albert	B	17th Ill. Cavalry		
Lutz, Frederick	H	15th N. Y. Cavalry		
Macomber, J. H.	C	1st Vt. H. Artillary	Ft. Sherman, I. T.	
Maginness, J. W.	H	164th N. Y. Infantry	Ft. Sherman, I. T.	
Mawson, L. G.	M	6th N. Y. H. Artillary	New York City	
Merriman, G. W. W.	G	1st U. S. Cavalry		
Mersch, Andrew	C	23d Wis. Infan try		Died.
McCanna, Patrick	K	183d Penn. Infantry	Ft Keogh, Mont.	
McCormick, John	H	10th U. S. Infantry	Sdrs' Home, Wa.D.C.	
McFall, David H.	G	7th Iowa Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
McFarland, G. W.	A	124th Penn. Infantry		
Miller, Louis D.		U. S. S. Brooklyn	Spokane, W. T.	
McGuire, Patrice	G	1st Va. Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
McIntyre, Christophe	A	65th Ill. Infantry		
Mills, John W.	K	1st Kas. Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
Minon, Gerhard	M	2d Mo. L. Artillary		Died June 9, '84
Moose, John G.	M	1st Ala. Cavalry		
Moran, John	D	3d Cal. Infantry		
Morse, Elmer H.	I	6th Cal. Infantry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
Mulligan, Wm. J.		U. S. S. N. Carolina	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Olsen, Christopher	F	5th U. S. Cavalry	Pass Creek, Wyo.	
Osterday, Gottlieb	E	1st N. J. Infantry		
Pennington, James	F	78th Penn. Infantry		
Powers, James	K	5th U. S. Infantry		
Powers, Thomas	H	149th N. Y. Infantry		
Price, Curtis E.		12th Tenn. Cavalry	Ft. DuChesue, Utah.	
Pryor, George	A	1st N. O Infantry	Missoula, Mont.	
Quinn, Jeremiah	K	5th U. S. Cavalry		
Reily, James	D	5th U. S. Cavalry	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Reynolds, Charles	F	14th U. S. Infantry	Helena, Mont.	
Reynolds, Wm. H.	M	1st U. S. Artillary		
Rheinhardt, Joseph	B	13th U. S. Infantry	Billings, Mont.	
Rice, David L.	A	21st N. J. Infantry		
Rouse, James	C	11th Ill. Infantry		
Rowe, James F.	D	33d Mass. Infantry		
Raper, Cornelius D.	F	1st Penn. Artillary		
Rush, Peter		192d Penn. Artillary	Walla Walla, W. T.	
Ryan, James	I	1st U. S. Cavalry	Buffalo, Wyo.	
Schwarzmaier, Chas. M	M	3d Mich. Cavalry	Ft. Custer, Mont	
Segar, Samuel	C	23d Penn. Infantry	San Francisco, Cal.	
Shannon, Martin	C	5th U. S. Cavalry		
Shattuck, Wm.	B	27th N. Y. Infantry		
Shulte, John G.	A	5th U. S. Artillary	Iowa.	
Smith, Jason	A	9th Vt. Infantry		
Snyder, James A.		3d U. S. Infantry	Ft Custer, Mont	
Stram, John	K	29th Mich. Infantry	Washington, D. C.	
Sullivan, J. H. B.		1st L. I. Infantry		
Sullivan, John	M	3d U. S. Artillary	Ft. Clark, Texas	
Sweeney, Geo. W.	B	2d D. C. Infantry		

Tooker, G. L.....	G	10th N. Y. Infantry.....	
Trotter, Peter.....	H	182d Ohio Infantry.....	
Troxel, Thomas G.....	E	25th Iowa Infantry.....	Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo
Upham, F. K.....	B	7th Cal. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Van Scoy, Wm.....	F	3d Ohio Cavalry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Von Platten, Hans.....	C	75th N. Y. Infantry.....	Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo
Wagner, Augustus.....	G	58th Ohio Infantry.....	
Walker, E. M.....	B	111th Ill. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Wallace, Thos.....	H	9th N. Y. Infantry.....	Walla Walla, W. T....
Ward, James.....		U. S. S. Queen.....	Walla Walla, W. T....
Weir, Hugh.....	C	183d Penn. Infantry.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....
Wesendorff, Max.....	C	1st W. T. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Whelan, James (1).....		U. S. S. Seneca.....	Sdrrs' Home, Wa. D. C.
Whelan, James (2).....	C	9th U. S. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Wilkins, Henry.....	A	1st D. C. Cavalry.....	
Wilkinson, W. C.....	F	23d N. Y. Infantry.....	Ft. Custer, Mont.....
Zwiesler, Joseph.....	D	3d Ohio Artillery.....	

LINCOLN POST NO. 2.

Butte City.

OFFICERS, 1888.

J. D. Jenks,	Post Commander.
L. E. Holmes,	Senior Vice Commander.
John Patterson,	Junior Vice Commander.
J. H. Jackson,	Adjutant.
Samuel G. Smith,	Quartermaster.
John Railey,	Chaplain.
Frank M. Barrett,	Officer of the Day.
Patrick Fox,	Officer of the Guard.
G. Hennebery,	Sergeant Major.
J. B. Scott,	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Chas. S. Warren.

C. S. Shoemaker.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Arnold, Edwin M.....	Private.....	C	2d Minn. Cavalry.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....
Beetel, John.....	First Serg't.....	E	26th Ohio Infantry.....	Butte.....
Baker, Wm. H.....	Private.....	G	156th Ill.....	Butte.....
Benson, Benne't.....	Private.....	F	6th Minn.....	Butte.....
Bebee, Byron N.....	Private.....	D	12th Kan.....	Butte.....
Bowdlish, John D.....	Private.....	D	4th N. Y. H. Artillery.....	Phillipsburg.....
Barrett, Frank.....	Private.....		9th Ohio Bat.....	Helena.....
Bradshaw, Cornelius.....	Captain.....			Butte.....
Bowen, Wm.....	Private.....	D	1st Nev.....	Salmon City, Idaho.....
Boyle, Thos.....	Private.....	C	48th Penn.....	Butte.....
Bateman, Frank.....	Corporal.....	H	5th Minn. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Cooper, C. A.....	Private.....	D	18th Wis.....	New York.....
Corkwell, Jas.....	Private.....	C	1st Ind. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Comstock, S. C.....				
Cummings, John.....				
Carr, Robert.....	Corporal.....	I	203d Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Cameron, D (Died Ap 7, '87)	Private.....	A	9th Minn. Infantry.....	
Dohman, P. R.....	Colonel.....		76th Mo. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Dorvell, Jas. E.....	Private.....	G	36th N. Y.....	Phillipsburg.....
Devlin, John.....		E	28th Mass.....	
Dervis, Simon.....	Private.....	E	2d Cal. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Dwyer, Jas.....	Corporal.....	E	21st Ind. Infantry.....	Anaconda.....
Derringer, A (Died J'ne '86)	Private.....	E	73d Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Demick, N. (Died June, '86)	Private.....	K	121st N. Y. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Donahey, Al. P.....				
Douglass, John.....	Private.....	A	103d Ill. Infantry.....	Meaderville.....
Engel, Gilbert.....	Private.....	A	61st N. Y.....	Butte.....

Forbes, Alonzo M.....	Private.....	D	16th Ind.....	Butte.....
Fox Pat.....	Sergeant.....	M	5th U. S. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Frost, C. C.....	First Lieut.....	B	11th Maine Infantry.....	Butte.....
Griffith, Jeremiah.....	Private.....	F	48th Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Gallahan, Henry.....	Private.....	B	1st Cal. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Glover, John B.....	Corporal.....	C	194th Pa. Infantry.....	Gunderson.....
Holmes, Levi E.....	2d Lieut.....	C	96th U. S. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Hou-eworth, Simeon.....	Private.....	C	35th Wis.....	Butte.....
Hutchison, Hy. M.....	Private.....	D	17th Ill. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Hoge, G. B.....				Butte.....
Horder, Ira J.....	Private.....	A	1st Nev. Cavalry.....	
Ham, Chas.....	Private.....	H	4th Mo. Infantry.....	
Heart, Chas (died Feb. '87)	Corporal.....	I	7th Minn. Infantry.....	
Husselton, Wm.....	Private.....	C	12th Mass. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Hols., John S.....	Private.....	F	93d Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Hennebery, Garrett.....	Private.....	H	69th Ill. Infantry.....	Walkerville.....
Huston, Robt. G.....	Private.....	I	166th Ohio.....	Butte.....
Henderson, Thos. J.....	Private.....	A	13th Mo. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Howe, Wm H.....	Private.....	D	1st Minn.....	Minneapolis, Minn.....
Hirsch, Ferdinand.....	Private.....	C	6th Md. Bat.....	Germany.....
Hessenger, J (died Nov '87)				
Jackson, Jacob H.....	Sergeant.....	K	23d Ill. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Jones, Wesley W.....				Butte.....
Jenks, J. D.....	Brev. Col.....		U. S. Volunteers.....	Butte.....
Knight, Sylvester R.....				Spokane Falls.....
Kessler, H. C.....	1st L'eut.....	G	104th Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Kriter, Phil.....	Private.....	C	3d Ohio Cavalry.....	Philipsburg.....
Kallbacher, Chas.....	1st Sergeant.....	A	58th N. Y.....	
Lockley, Fred.....	1st Lieut.....	I	1st N. Y. Artillery.....	
Lamborn, J. W.....	Private.....	A	87th Ind. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Lehman, Albert S.....	Private.....			Colorado.....
Long, Thos.....	Sergeant.....	B	90th Ill. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Mailey, Edward.....	Sergeant.....	H	1st Kan. Infantry.....	
McBrown, Wm.....				Butte.....
Moore, N. H.....		A	16th Me.....	Butte.....
Madden, John.....	Serg. Major.....		32d Ill. Infantry.....	
Myers, John.....				
Mahoney, Pat.....				St. Louis.....
McKenzie, John P.....	Corporal.....	I	78th Ohio Infantry.....	
McGurren, John.....	Private.....	K	169th Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
McGloin, Edward.....	Private.....	G	3d N. Y. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Murrele, Chas. W.....	Private.....	E	9th Me.....	Philipsburg.....
McDonald, Pat.....	Private.....	E	2d Col. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Neal, J. E.....	Private.....	H	2d U. S. Volunteers.....	Butte.....
Ott, Geo. K.....	Sergeant.....	A	138th Ill.....	Butte.....
Powell, Jim.....	Private.....	A	4th Virginia.....	Butte.....
Powers, P. T.....	Private.....	G	101st N. Y. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Preston, Neth.....	Private.....		3d Wis. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Penn, J.....	Private.....	G	1st Iowa Cavalry.....	Anaconda.....
Page, E. F.....	1st Lieut.....	A	1st S. E. P. C.....	San Francisco.....
Paterson, John.....	Private.....	B	4th Pa. Cavalry.....	South Butte.....
Ra erty, Thos.....	Private.....	D	2d Mass.....	Butte.....
Railey, John.....	Private.....	B	77th Ill.....	Butte.....
Rodgers, Stephen H.....	Private.....	C	64th N. Y.....	Butte.....
Rickers, Gilbert B.....	Corporal.....	H	2d Col. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Richardson, Thos.....	Private.....	K	54th Ohio.....	California.....
Rutler, Thos. H.....	Farrier.....	M	1st N. Y. Cavalry.....	Unionville.....
Stephens, Wm (died Dec '85)	Private.....	H	52d Ill. Infantry.....	
Sperling, Jas. H.....	2d Lieut.....	C	53d N. Y.....	
Soudan, Wm.....	Corporal.....	C	31st Wis.....	Butte.....
Surdan, Jas. H.....	1st Lieut.....		53d N. Y.....	
Scott, David.....		F	6th Cal. Infantry.....	
Smith, Samuel G.....	1st Lieut.....	A	124th Pa. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Schultz, Stephen.....	Private.....	B	4th Mo. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Shuster, Thos.....				Butte.....
Stackpole, Henry H.....	Private.....	K	7th Kan. Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Shambow, Levi.....	Private.....	A	52d Ill.....	Butte.....
Shaw, Y. H.....	Saddler.....	A	12th Md Cavalry.....	Butte.....
Sinsell, Wm. F.....	Corporal.....	C	178th N. Y. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Shoenaker, Chas. S.....	Corporal.....	F	15th N. Y. Artillery.....	Butte.....
Scott, John B.....	1st Serg.....	E	28th Pa.....	Butte.....
Thornton, Oren.....			Navy.....	Walkerville.....
Terrill, Geo.....	Private.....	C	3d Cal. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Thompson, Lewis J.....	Private.....	D	20th Ill.....	Meaderville.....
Vincent, Foster R.....	Corporal.....	A	57th Pa Infantry.....	
Warren, Chas. S.....	1st Serg.....	C	147th Ill. Infantry.....	Butte.....
Wyman, Luther F.....	Captain.....	A	2d U. S. Volunteers.....	Butte.....
Waters, Jas.....	Private.....	E	1st R. I. Bat.....	Butte.....
Williams, Wm. W.....	Private.....	A	2d Mo. Bat.....	Butte.....
Wallace, Robt. B.....	Sergeant.....			Butte.....
Wells, E. S.....	Sergeant.....	K	23d Ill. Infantry.....	Butte.....
York, Joseph.....	Private.....	E	15th Minn.....	Butte.....
Yeldell, Robt. C. (died '86)				
Zillman, Christopher.....	Private.....	I	1st Wis. Cavalry.....	Butte.....

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.

Helena.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Geo. W. Shaw,	Post Commander.
Robt. E. Fisk,	Senior Vice Commander.
John C. Major,	Junior Vice Commander.
A. O. Simons,	Adjutant.
H. F. C. Kleinschmidt,	Quartermaster.
W. S. Norcross,	Surgeon.
Benj. C. Malben,	Chaplain.
C. B. Newberry,	Officer of the Day.
Isaac Smith,	Officer of the Guard.
A. F. McKay,	Sergeant Major.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller.
Junius G. Sanders.

Robt. C. Wallace.
Richard A. Craig.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Albrecht, Chas.....	2d Lieut.....	E	9th Mo. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Armor, W.(died Jan. 17,'84)	1st Lieut.....	A	51st Mo. Infantry.....	
Atcheson, C. E.....	Private.....	A	3d Vt. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Basch, Theo.....	Private.....	G	24th Mich. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Bassett, Cassius M.....	Private.....	K	43d Mo. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Beary, Lorenzo D.....	Sergeant.....	I	3d N. Y. Artillery.....	Townsend.....
Benedict, L. A.....	Corporal.....	H	24th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Blaisdell, Hiram.....	Private.....	A	12th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Blattner, J. F.....	Private.....	K	14th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Bowen, E. D.....	Private.....	B	17th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Brown, Lyman C.....	Private.....	K	24th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Buck, D. W.....	Captain.....	E	8th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Callaway, James E.....	Colonel.....		21st Ill. Infantry.....	Virginia City, Mont.....
Carsley, Geo. A.....	Sergeant.....	D	7th Minn. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Conable, H. H.....	Corporal.....	C	13th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Connor, Thomas.....	Private.....	D	1st Wis. Cavalry.....	Unionville, Mont.....
Craig, R. A.....	Private.....	H	1st N. Y. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Cramer, J. O.....	Private.....	I	139th Pa. Infantry.....	Jay Gould Mine, Mont.....
Crosby, James K.....	Private.....	I	27th Mass. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Cummings, Thomas A.....	Private.....	C	1st N. Y. L. Artillery.....	Ft. Benton, Mont.....
Curaby, P. (died Nov. 13,'87)	Private.....		Ordinance Corps.....	
Deegan, Ross.....	Captain.....	A	162d N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
DeWitt, C. A. (died Jan. '87)	Corporal.....	D	17th Mo. Infantry.....	
Dial, Friend.....	Private.....	E	4th O. V. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Donaldson, J. P.....	Corporal.....	A	32d O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Dunges, Chas.....	Private.....	B	1st Col. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Dunn, James.....	Private.....	B	2d Mass. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Earnest, David.....	Corporal.....	F	16th Ill. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Fisher, Andrew J.....	Private.....	D	1st Mich. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Fisk, A. J.....	Private.....	A	2d Minn. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Fisk, D. W.....	Captain.....	G	132d N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Fisk, R. E.....	Captain.....	G	132d N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Fisk, Van H.....	Private.....	I	1st Minn. Cavalry.....	Townsend, Mont.....
Fleischnauer, C. W.....	Private.....	G	1st Wis. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Freeburn, James.....	1st Lieut.....	F	12th Ill. Infantry.....	Marysville, Mont.....
Frey, J. S.....	Private.....	B	55th Pa. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Fuller, J. S. (died Aug. 18,'85)	Private.....	C	N. Y. H. Artillery.....	
Fuller, Thos. P.....	Captain.....	A	93d N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Gage, Chas. F.....	Capt Bvt Ma.....		11th N. J. V. Infantry.....	Helena.....

Gray, Thos C.....	Private.....	A	9th Iowa Infantry.....	Helena.....
Guenther, Fred.....	Private.....	L	3d Pa. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Hathaway, J. W.....	Private.....	B	105th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Heilman, J. L.....	Private.....	D	100th Pa. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Hillman, J. R.....	Captain.....	C	42d O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Hoback, Richard.....	Sergeant.....	H	2d Minn. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Heopner, Chas.....	Private.....	C	20th Iowa Infantry.....	Helena.....
Hollenbeck, H. C.....	Bugler.....	D	1st N. Y. Dragoons.....	Helena.....
Holmes, Chas.....	Sergeant.....	H	2d Minn. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Holmes, H. C.....	Sergeant.....	M	2d Wis. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Hopkins, Francis.....	Captain.....	G	8th Ill. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Hapleton, George.....	Private.....		U. S. Navy.....	Helena.....
Horn, Chris.....	Private.....	A	1st Mo. L. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Howard, C. L.....	Private.....	K	11th Mich.....	Helena.....
Huntley, Silas S.....	1st Lieut.....	I	37th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Jacobi, Franz.....	Private.....	E	9th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Jeffers, Andrew.....	Private.....	K	20th Pa. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Jefferies, John T.....	Quar. Mas.....		U. S. Navy.....	Elliston, Mont.....
Kellogg, E. L.....	Private.....	K	4th Mich Infantry.....	Helena.....
Kerchner, John.....	Private.....	D	7th Pa. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
King, Fred L.....	Private.....	M	1st Cal. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Kinsley, Joseph W.....	Private.....	A	16th Mass. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Kleinschmidt, H. F. C.....	Private.....	A	3d Mo. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Kleinschmidt, T. H.....	Private.....	A	3d Mo. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Koennecke, Emil.....	Saddler.....	B	9th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Lasalle, Adolph.....	Bugler.....	B	9th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Lasalle, Godfrey.....	Sergeant.....	B	9th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Lawrence, John C.....	Private.....	E	86th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Luin, John.....	Sergeant.....	I	2d Ill. Artillery.....	Helena.....
McKay, A. F.....	Sergeant.....	C	10th Minn. Infantry.....	Helena.....
McKenzie, James.....	Color S'g't.....	B	18th U. S. Volunteers.....	Townsend, Mont.....
McLaughlin, J. W.....	Private.....	E	4th Pa. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Maginnis, Martin.....	Major.....		1st Minn. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Major, J. C.....	Colonel.....		43d Ind. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Malben, Ben. C.....	1st Sergeant.....	B	8th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Manix, Philip A.....	2d Lieut.....		1st Conn. H. Artillery.....	Augusta, Mont.....
Martin, Fleming B.....	Corporal.....	C	79th Ind. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Mills, R.....	Private.....	H	3d Iowa Infantry.....	Helena.....
Moffitt, John.....	1st Lieut.....	F	2d Regt. Ind. Brig.....	Helena.....
Morris, John.....	Private.....	F	185th N. Y. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Murphy, James.....	Private.....	B	1st Wis. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Nappy, Adrain.....	Sergeant.....	D	1st Or. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Nevenhausen, W. W.....	Private.....	H	111th Pa. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Newberry, A. T.....	Private.....	I	79th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Newberry, C. B.....	1st Class Boy.....		Miss. Squadron.....	Helena.....
Nichols, C.....	Private.....	F	22d Vet. Res. Corps.....	Helena.....
Norcross, Winfield S.....	2d Lieut.....	K	7th Me. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Nulty, Christian.....	Private.....	I	16th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....
O'Connor, John.....	Sergeant.....	A	14th N. Y. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Olsen, Ingebreth.....	Private.....		2d Minn. L. Battery.....	Helena.....
Perine, P. J.....	Private.....	C	16th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Piatt, G. H.....	Private.....	F	9th Ill. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Potter, John.....	Private.....	F	53d Ill. Infantry.....	White Sulphur Springs.....
Potts, B. F. (died June 17, '77)	C. B. M. Gen.....		32d O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Priest, Alden H.....	Private.....	G	24th Me. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Pruitt, W. G.....	Private.....	M	1st Mo. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Reed, Jas. C.....	Private.....	A	13th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Reese, Frederick.....	Corporal.....	B	25th Mo. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Riar, Chas.....	Private.....	F	45th Ill. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Riggs, Gillman.....	Sergeant.....	B	92d O. Infantry.....	P. P. Junction, Mont.....
Rinker, O. C.....	Corporal.....	B	6th Kan. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Rockafellow, W. T.....	Private.....	D	195th Penn. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Rogers, Andrew P.....	Private.....	A	31st Me. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Rohrbaugh, J. J.....	Private.....	D	22d Vet. R. Corps.....	Helena.....
Roland, Matthew.....	Private.....	D	124th Ind. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Roy, John T.....	Private.....	H	8th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Rumsey, John A.....	Corporal.....	E	1st Mo. Artillery.....	Townsend, Mont.....
Sanders, Junius G.....	1st Sergeant.....	F	4th Ohio Infantry.....	Helena.....
Schiffhauer, Henry.....	Private.....	C	63d Pa. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Schilling, J. (died June, '86)	Private.....	D	6th U. S. Vet.....	Helena.....
Scott, Walter.....	Sergeant.....	K	27th Col. Vol.....	Helena.....
Shaw, Geo. W.....	Private.....	G	80th Ill. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Silliman, David G.....	Private.....	A	2d Conn. L. Artillery.....	Helena.....
Silvey, Oliver P.....	Musician.....	D	48th Ind. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Sims, Wm.....	Captain.....	F	194th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Simons, A. O.....	Private.....	F	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Sipfle, Christ.....	Private.....	H	1st Del. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Sleigh, Jas. W.....	Captain.....	G	1st Mich. Eng.....	Helena.....
Sloggy, Harrison.....	Sergeant.....	B	46th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Smith, Isaac.....	Musician.....	G	14th U. S. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Smith, Randolph E.....	Chaplain.....	G	59th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Spencer, Loyal W.....	Private.....	G	Marines.....	Helena.....
Splitzley, Steve.....	Sergeant.....	B	27th Mich. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Sterling, F. P.....	S'g't Major.....		10th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....

Strong, W. W.....(died '87)	Captain.....	K	14th Ill. Infantry.....	
Thomas, Abraham.....	Or. S'g't.....	A	1st O. Cavalry.....	Helena
Thompson, Robt. B.....	Private.....	A	21st Pa. Infantry.....	Marysville, Mont.....
Tooker, John D.....	Private.....	F	22d Vet. Res. Corps.....	Helena.....
Vance, W. H.....	Sergeant.....	K	3d Cal. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Walker, E. S.....	Private.....	K	2d Kan. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Walker, Robt. C.....	Maj. & P. M.....		U. S. Army.....	Helena.....
Wallace, R. C.....	Major.....		5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Helena.....
Wheeler, Wm. F.....	Captain.....	F	4th Minn. Infantry.....	Helena.....
White, Geo. W.....	Private.....	F	9th Iowa Infantry.....	Helena.....
White, Robt.....	Private.....	F	12th Ill. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Winston, P. J.....	Corporal.....	I	2d Neb. Cavalry.....	Marysville, Mont.....
Worcester, C. S.....	Private.....	K	1st Me. Vet. Vol.....	Townsend, Mont.....
Worthington, Thomas.....	Lieut.....	A	106th O. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Yeager, H. C.....	Private.....	D	20th Mass. Infantry.....	Helena.....
Zeigler, S. M.....	Private.....	K	16th Wis. Infantry.....	Helena.....

GEORGE H. THOMAS POST NO. 4.

Deer Lodge.

OFFICERS, 1888.

H. A. Smurr,	Commander.
J. W. Fox,	Senior Vice Commander.
Ed. M. Leach,	Junior Vice Commander.
B. F. Martz,	Adjutant.
Lew Coleman,	Quartermaster.
S. Glover,	Surgeon.
D. J. McMillan,	Chaplain.
J. H. Mills,	Officer of the Day.
J. Vaughn,	Officer of the Guard.
S. D. Stuart,	Sergeant Major.
W. B. Miller,	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

D. J. McMillan.

H. H. Zenor.

Lew Coleman.

NAME	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Beer, Joshua.....	Private.....	H	65th Ohio.....	Deer Lodge.....
Bolsnet, Dan.....	Private.....	I	31st Wiscn-In.....	" ".....
Coleman, Lew.....	Private.....	K	2d Col. Cavalry.....	" ".....
Coleman, Wm.....	Private.....	K	131st Ohio.....	" ".....
Curn, James.....	Private.....	G	11th Michigan.....	" ".....
Dean, Frank B.....	Corporal.....	M	1st Maine Artillery.....	" ".....
Engle, Perry.....	Private.....	C	3d Maryland.....	" ".....
Fox, J. W.....	Private.....	B	3d Kansas.....	" ".....
Galbraith, W. J.....	1st Lieut.....	G	78th Pennsylvania.....	" ".....
Glover, Steve.....	Private.....	A	20th Wisconsin.....	" ".....
Gilbeault, Virgil.....	Private.....	A	5th Vermont.....	" ".....
Mills, James H.....	Captain.....	G	11th Pennsylvania.....	" ".....
Martz, B. F.....	Captain.....	E	57th U. S. Infantry.....	" ".....
Mills, E. P.....	1st Lieut.....	I	23d Iowa.....	" ".....
McMillan, D. J.....	Private.....	K	7th Illinois.....	" ".....
Milleo, W. B.....	Private.....	G	178th Pennsylvania.....	" ".....
Morrison, D. A.....	Private.....	H	8th Wisconsin.....	" ".....
Murphy, Wm.....				" ".....
Houck, G. L.....	Private.....	A	2d B't'n U. S. Infantry.....	" ".....
Stuart, S. D.....	1st Lieut.....	C	1st Iowa Cavalry.....	" ".....
Leach, E. M.....	Private.....	C	169th New York.....	" ".....
Kelly, Michael.....	Private.....	A	75th Pennsylvania.....	" ".....
Witters, Wm.....	Private.....	I	51st Missouri.....	" ".....
Zenor, H. H.....	Private.....	F	14th Indiana.....	" ".....
Govern, L.....	General ser.			

CUSTER POST NO. 5.

Sheridan.

OFFICERS, 1888.

O. F. Parmeter, Post Commander.
 Thos. A. Foster, Senior Vice Commander.
 Mark Brown, Junior Vice Commander.
 G. W. Rightenour, Adjutant.
 H. D. Rossiter, Quartermaster.
 E. P. Day, Surgeon.
 Albert Herman, Chaplain.
 E. L. Dickinson, Officer of the Day.
 Hervey Hardesty, Officer of the Guard.
 Frank Talty, Sergeant Major.
 I. D. Moore, Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

O. F. Parmeter.

I. D. Moore.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Dickinson, E. L.....	1st Lieut.....	B	150th Penn	Sheridan
Parmeter, O. F.....	Musician.....	I	47th Ill.....	Sheridan
Hardesty, G. W.....	Private.....	G	183d Ohio.....	Wardner, Idaho.....
Rightenour, G. W.....	Private.....	D	11th Ill. Infantry	Sheridan
Rossiter, H. D.....	Corporal.....	B	22d Ill.....	Sheridan
Hall, Wm.....	Private.....	I	1st Vt. Cavalry.....	Virginia City, Mont.....
Foster, Thos. A.....	Corporal.....	H	2d Minn. Infantry.....	Sheridan
Sholes, C. M.....	Private.....	M	14th N. Y. H. Artillery.....	Sheridan
Courtney, Robt.....	Private.....	B	8th N. Y. H. Artillery.....	Sheridan
Moore, I. D.....	Sergeant.....	I	52d Ill.....	Sheridan
Kidder, H. H.....	Private.....	M	2d Cal. Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Crane, Geo.....	Private.....	G	2d Ill. L. Artillery.....	Sheridan
Taylor, Wm. H.....	Sergeant.....	B	8th Hancock's R. C.....	Virginia City, Mont.....
Means, W. A.....	Corporal.....	I	69th Mo.....	Sheridan
Talty, Frank.....	Corporal.....	G	1st Iowa Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Urns paw, W. M.....	Private.....	K	98th Ill.....	Sheridan
Griffith, Wm. H.....	Private.....	M	2d Col. Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Lowman, O. R. S.....	Private.....	B	17th Kan.....	Sheridan
Karnetson, Hans.....	Private.....	D	2d Neb. Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Hardesty, Henry.....	Sergeant.....	B	9th Ill. Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Moore, B. F.....	Private.....	L	15th Ill. Cavalry.....	Laurin, Mont.....
Day, E. P.....	Private.....	K	2d Iowa Infantry.....	Sheridan
Herman, F. C.....	Private.....	I	1st Ohio.....	Wisdom, Mont.....
Thompson, Riley.....	Private.....	B	142d Ill.....	Sheridan
Brown, Mark.....	Private.....	G	141st Ill.....	Sheridan
Gould, G. W.....	Private.....	B	1st Nev.....	Sheridan
Raymond, W. B.....	Corporal.....	K	7th Wis.....	Silver Star, Mont.....
Siegechrist, Henry.....	Private.....	B	49th Ohio.....	Silver Star, Mont.....
Herman, Albert.....	Corporal.....	C	9th Wis.....	Sheridan
Comfort, J. R.....	1st Sergeant.....	B	137th N. Y.....	Twin Bridges, Mont.....
Pense, D. A.....	1st Lieut.....	G	1st Ala. Cavalry.....	Twin Bridges, Mont.....
Stine, Asbury.....	Private.....	L	7th Iowa Cavalry.....	Sheridan
Hunt, James M.....	Private.....	F	35th Mo.....	Laurin, Mont.....

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.

Virginia City.

OFFICERS, 1888.

J. B. Carruthers, Post Commander.
T. P. Cox, Senior Vice Commander.
J. M. King, Junior Vice Commander.
C. W. Sprague, Chaplain.
D. W. Lindsay, Adjutant.
A. E. Gloyd, Quartermaster.
J. B. How, Officer of the Day.
H. Schmalhausen, Surgeon.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Henry N. Blake.
Stephen Gaman.

James E. Callaway.
Eugene Stark.

NAME.	NAME.	REG.	STATE.	ADDRESS.
Blake, H. N.....	Captain.....	11	Mass. Infantry.....	Virginia City.....
Bailey, Wm. H.....	Private.....	24	Mich. Infantry.....	Virginia City.....
Burker, Geo.....	Private.....	52	Illinois Infantry.....	Puller Springs, Mont....
Browner, S. M.....	Private.....	14	Mich. Cavalry.....	Ennis, Mont.....
Burns, Geo. W.....	Private.....	1	Ill. Artillery.....	Ennis, Mont.....
Bull, A. N.....	Lieutenant.....	133	Ohio Infantry.....	Ennis, Mont.....
Callaway, James E.....	Colonel.....	21	Ill. Infantry.....	Virginia City.....
Christnot, Chas. F (dead)...	Private.....	12	Wis. Infantry.....	
Conger, E. J.....	Lieut. Col.....	1	D. C. Cavalry.....	Dillon, Mont.....
Carruthers, J. B.....	Private.....	34	New York.....	Virginia City.....
Covely, Wm. F.....	Sergeant.....	5	U. S. Cavalry.....	Virginia City.....
Cox, Thomas P.....	Private.....	119	Ill. Infantry.....	Virgin a City.....
Deimling, F. C..... (dead)...	Colonel.....	10	Mo. Infantry.....	
Davis, J. H.....	Captain.....	41	Ill. Infantry.....	Puller Springs, Mont....
Faljambe, H. C.....	Sergeant.....	5	California.....	Virginia City.....
Febes, James H.....	Private.....	11	Illinois.....	Virginia City.....
Gainan, Stephen.....	Private.....	15	Iowa.....	Virginia City.....
Gloyd, A. E.....	Private.....	12	Wisconsin.....	Virginia City.....
How, James B.....	Corporal.....	1	Missouri.....	Virginia City.....
Hardesty, H.....	Sergeant.....	9	Illinois.....	Sheridan, Mont.....
Howell, H. S.....	Captain.....	4	New Jersey.....	Helena, Mont.....
Hargward, P. D.....				Albert Lee Mine.....
Hoffman, Joseph.....	Private.....	83	Pennsylvania.....	Virginia City.....
King, J. M.....	Private.....	2	West Va. Cavalry.....	Virginia City.....
Kroeger, Henry.....	Private.....	3	Col. Cavalry.....	Meadow Creek, Mont....
Knight, A. B.....				Butte, Mont.....
Lindsay, D. W.....	Sergeant.....	1	New York Artillery.....	Helena, Mont.....
Linsley, O. D.....	Sergeant.....	15	New York Infantry.....	Laurin, Mont.....
Metlander, E.....	Private.....	1	U. S. Artillery.....	Deer Lodge, Mont.....
Morris, J. W.....	Corporal.....	126	Illinois.....	Butte, Mont.....
Mather, Emmitt.....	Captain.....	1	Vermont Cavalry.....	Washington Bar, Mont..
O'Brien, Michael.....	Sergeant.....	57	Ill. Infantry.....	Virginia City.....
Pinckney, C. M.....	Sergeant.....	5	Michigan.....	Washington Bar, Mont..
Page, James M.....	Sergeant.....	6	Michigan.....	Twin Bridges, Mont.....
Speller, John.....	Private.....	11	Illinois.....	Butte, Mont.....
Stark, Eugene.....	Private.....		Tell Corps.....	Virginia City.....
Stevens, W. W.....	Private.....	17	Iowa.....	Virginia City.....
Sprague, C. H.....	Bugler.....	1	Illinois.....	Ennis, Mont.....
Schmaulhausen, H.....	Captain.....	26	Kentucky.....	Virginia City.....
Templeton, Hes.....	Private.....	2	Iowa.....	Virginia City.....
Williams, J. T.....	Private.....	2	Wisconsin.....	Virginia City.....
Woodworth, John E.....	Sergeant.....	111	Ohio.....	Ennis, Mont.....

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.

Livingston.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Post Commander.
 John Skillen, Senior Vice Commander.
 N. Ebert, Junior Vice Commander.
 Geo. F. Chambers, Adjutant.
 Wm. M. Green, Quartermaster.
 F. W. Wright, Surgeon.
 John Byard, Chaplain.
 G. W. Grant, Officer of the Day.
 Geo. W. Metcalf, Officer of the Guard.
 Louis Savoy, Sergeant Major.
 C. W. Rossiter, Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Geo. F. Chambers.

F. W. Wright.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Buehanan, D. K.....	Private.....	A	9th Pa. Cavalry.....	Livingston
Byard, John.....	Private.....	F	152d Ohio.....	Livingston
Button, Otis.....	Private.....	D	35th Ill. Volunteers.....	Livingston
Chambers, Geo. F.....	Corporal.....	B	11th Ind. Volunteers.....	Livingston
Carr, B. J.....	.....		Navy	San Francisco.....
Devoe, Henry.....	Musieian	B	14th U. S. Infantry.....	Livingston
Donaldson, Geo., W.....	Private.....	E	6th Iowa Cavalry.....	Livingston
Ebert, N.....	Corporal.....	K	4th Wis. Cavalry.....	Livingston
Fifield, C. C.....	Private.....	B	16th N. Y. Infantry.....	Livingston
Farrell, Wm.....	Private.....	K	48th Wis. Infantry.....	Livingston
Grady, John.....	Private.....	G	90th Ill. Infantry.....	Livingston
Grant, G. W.....	Private.....	H	46th Ind. Infantry.....	Livingston
Geer, George.....	Corporal.....	D	3d Mich. Cavalry.....	Livingston
Green, Wm. M.....	Corporal.....	A	4th Minn. Infantry.....	Livingston
Hoppie, Hugh.....	Sergeant.....	D	22d N. Y. Cavalry.....	Gardiner
Hickes, A. B.....	Corporal.....	E	23d N. Y. Infantry.....	Livingston
Hoopes, Jr., Pierce.....	Private.....	L	3d Pa. H. Ar. illiary.....	Livingston
Knoblocke, Peter.....	Private.....	D	123d Pa. Infantry.....	Yelm, Wash. Ter.....
La Barre, L. C.....	Private.....	C	31st Wis. Infantry.....	Livingston
Lawrence, J. F.....	.....		.....	Livingston.....
Metcalf, Geo. W.....	Private.....	B	20th Ind. Infantry.....	Livingston
Mason, John A.....	.....		.....	.....
McCube, Allen.....	1st Class Boy.....		U. S. N.....	Huntley, Mont.....
Otten, Louis.....	Private.....	K	8th Mo. Infantry.....	Hot Springs, Wyo.....
Ristenbutt, August.....	Private.....	F	93d Pa. Infantry.....	Livingston
Redfield, Wm. H.....	Private.....	F	40th Wis. Infantry.....	Livingston
Rossiter, C. W.....	Musieian.....	C	7th Ohio Infantry.....	Duluth, Minn.....
Skillen, John.....	Corporal.....	F	33d N. Y. Infantry.....	Livingston
Savoy, Louis.....	Private.....	C	2d N. Y. Militia.....	Livingston
Tooley, P. H.....	.....		.....	Castle, Mont.....
Thompson, Jesse B.....	Private.....	C	2d Ind. Cavalry.....	.....
Taylor, Sol. D.....	Private.....		2d Bat., 1st Me. Art.....	Livingston
Vampel, Henry.....	Private.....	F	19th O. V. Infantry.....	Livingston
Wright, Fred W.....	Sergeant.....	B	16th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Livingston

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.

Dillon.

OFFICERS, 1888

Otho Klemm, Post Commander.
 David Lamont, Senior Vice Commander.
 Charles Blevin, Junior Vice Commander.
 Thos. M. O'Connor, Adjutant.
 Fred Hopp, Quartermaster.
 H. D. Pickman, Surgeon.
 Thos. Loughridge, Chaplain.
 Robert McDowell, Officer of the Day.
 Bengman Bond, Officer of the Guard.
 Louis Hoffman, Sergeant Major.
 J. B. Townsend, Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

Otho Klemm.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Bond, Bengman.....	Sergeant.....	D	14th Iowa Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Blevin, Charles.....	Or.Sergeant.....		Navy—Steamer Cyam	Dillon.....
Bishop, James D.....	Sergeant.....	D	130th N. Y. Vol. Inftry..	Dillon.....
Conner, John.....	Sergeant.....	G	2d Minn. Vet. Infantry	Butte.....
Darnatzer, Chris.....	1st Sergeant.....	E	14th Iowa Infantry.....	Twin Bridges..
Gannon, John.....	Private.....	G	12th U. S. Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Hopp, Frederick.....	Private.....	K	8th Iowa Infantry.....	Birch Creek.....
Hoffman, Louis.....	Corporal.....	E	2d U. S. Vol. Infantry.	Dillon.....
Klemm, Otho.....	Private.....	B	1st Ill. Artillery.....	Dillon.....
Lamont, David.....	Private.....	A	147th Ill. Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Loughridge, Thomas.....	Sergeant.....	B	1st Col. Cavalry.....	Dillon.....
McDowell, Robert.....	Private.....	A	22d N. Y. Volunteers...	Dillon.....
McClusky, John.....	Private.....	F	1st Nev. Cavalry.....	Dillon.....
O'Connor, Thomas M.....	Private.....	G	3d Cal. Vol. Infantry...	Dillon.....
O'Leary, John F.....	Private.....	B	142d Ill. Infantry.....	Bannack.....
Pickman, Henry D.....	Private.....	A	50th Mass. Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Scalley, John C.....	Private.....	H	18th N. H. Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Talent, Isaac.....	Private.....	E	13th Ky. Vol. Cavalry.	Dillon.....
Townsend, James B.....	Private.....	K	4th Iowa Infantry.....	Dillon.....
Willis, Ozias.....	Private.....	I	42d Mass. Infantry.....	Willis.....

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

Bozeman.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Wm. Y. Smith, Post Commander.
 O. P. Jones, Senior Vice Commander.
 E. P. Wilbur, Junior Vice Commander.
 R. M. Whitefoot, Surgeon.
 A. J. Edsall, Officer of the Day.
 P. H. Bohurt, Chaplain.
 Roger Edwards, Quartermaster.

J. A. McElroy, Adjutant.
 W. J. Alexander, Officer of the Guard.
 G. W. Flanders, Sergeant Major.
 James W. Mardis. Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Ed. F. Ferris. Jos. M. Lindley.
 B. F. Osborn.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Axtell, John S.	Private.	E	6th Mich. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Alexander, W. J.	Private.	A	2d Wis. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Anderson, John.	Sergeant.	A	1st Colored Kan. V. In	Bozeman.
Benton, Ezra L.	Private.	F	23d N. Y. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Booth, Geo. A.	Lieutenant.	K	98th N. Y. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Bohrt, Peter d.	Lieutenant.	H	23d Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Bushnell, Wm. H.	Sergeant.	C	9th Ill. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Bowen, Wm. B.	Private.	B	1st Vt. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Barrott, Lee.	Private.	A	2d Minn. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Coburn, John.	Colonel.	C	33d Ind. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Chase, C. J.	Private.	C	13th P. S. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Carlin, John T.	Lieutenant.	F	82d Ohio Infantry.	Bozeman.
Charpie, Alvin B.	Musician.		51st Ind. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Campbell, E. F.	Private.	M	8th Iowa Cavalry.	Salesville.
Corbly, J. I.	Private.	A	6th Iowa Infantry.	Spring Hill.
Eaton, Geo. O.	Private.	I	15th Maine Infantry.	Cooke City.
Eastman, Henry B.	Private.	I	3d Wis. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Edsall, Andrew J.	Sergeant.	M	1st N. J. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Eltison, Chas. F.	Private.	I	124th Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Edwards, Roger.	1st Lieut.	H	48th N. Y. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Ferris, Ed. F.	Lieut. Col.		14th Wis. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Flanders, Geo. W.	1st Lieut.	B	6th Vt. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Guile, Wm. H.	Private.	A	3d Iowa Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Gallagher, John.	Private.	G	4th U. S. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Grodwent, David B.	Private.	D	57th Pa. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Huston, Geo. A. (dead)	Private.	I	8th Pa. Reserves.	Bozeman.
Hanson, John.	Corporal.	C	42d Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Harder, John N.	Private.	E	12th Mich. Infantry.	Castle.
Jones, Thos. M.	Private.	C	31st Wis. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Jones, O. P.	Lieutenant.	K	10th R. I. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Kennedy, Jas. H.	Private.		2nd B. Mo. S. M.	Bozeman.
Lindley, Jos. M.	Private.	K	1st Kan. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Lamb, John C.	Corporal.	E	22d Me. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Lacock, Albert.	Private.	F	24th Iowa Infantry.	Spring Hill.
McElroy, Jas. A.	1st Lieut.	K	2d Ohio Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Moore, John G.	Private.	M	1st Ala. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Mardis, Jas. W.	Private.	K	38th Iowa Infantry.	Bozeman.
Moore, John.	Private.	B	4th Iowa Infantry.	Bozeman.
McCornack, W. F.	Private.	I	127th Ill. Infantry.	Red Bluff.
Matthews, J. T.	Private.	L	1st H. A. Ind. Vol.	Bozeman.
Nixon, J. H.	Private.	H	2d Wis. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Oyler, Geo. E.	Private.	I	21st Mo. Infantry.	Moreland.
Osborn, B. Frank.	1st Sergeant.	A	21st Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Robbins, E. W.	Corporal.	I	1st U. S. S. S.	Bozeman.
Smith, Wm. Y.	Private.	H	4th Minn. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Sanders, W. F.	2d Lieut.		64th Ohio Infantry.	Helena.
Stroup, Peter.	Private.	A	1st Col. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Sterling, Henry.	Corporal.	C	7th Ind. Infantry.	Salesville.
Shay, Geo. A.	Corporal.	L	1st Me. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Sanborn, J. L.	Corporal.	D	1st Nevada Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Schabarker, H.	Private.	C	2d Minn. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Swan, I. W.	1st Sergeant.	K	13th Wis. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Thomas, Geo. T.	Lieutenant.		Emigrant Escort.	Bozeman.
Van Tassel, Oscar.	Colonel.		34th Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Willson, Lester S.	Lieut. Col.		60th N. Y. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Woods, Joseph H.	Paymaster.		U. S. Navy.	Bozeman.
Woodard, Philip.	Private.	K	4th U. S. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Wilber, E. P.	Captain.	B	7th W. Va. Cavalry.	Bozeman.
Walton, David.	Private.	C	8th Ky. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Whitefoot, R. M.	Private.	F	8th Ill. Infantry.	Bozeman.
Webster, Alden.	Private.	K	3th Minn. Infantry.	Bozeman.

FRED. WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

Missoula.

OFFICERS, 1888.

C. W. Lombard, Post Commander.
W. J. Livingston, Senior Vice Commander.
— — — — — Junior Vice Commander.
Eli Fisher, Adjutant.
John L. Sloane, Quartermaster.
— — — — — Surgeon.
Geo. B. Hartman, Chaplain.
— — — — — Officer of the Day.
— — — — — Officer of the Guard.
— — — — — Sergeant Major.
— — — — — Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

John L. Sloane.

Will Kennedy.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Armstrong, John N.....	Private.....	A	40th Wis. V. Infantry..	Missoula
Bancroft, W. E.....	1st Lieut.....		1st U. S. V. Infantry ..	Missoula
Bellew, Samuel.....	2d Lieut.....	D		
Bodertha, Geo. W.....	Private.....	E	114th N. Y. V. Inf'y	Missoula
Bradt, Jacob A.....	Private.....	G	2d N. Y. Cavalry.....	
Buker, Anderson.....	Private.....	B	80th O. V. Infantry.....	Wash. Ter.....
Bruner, John.....	1st Sergt.....	H	33d Ind. V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Brodrecht, Wm.....	Private.....	B	13th Mo. V. Infan.....	
Beardsley, Wm.....	Private.....	C	104th N. Y. V. Infan....	
Buscher, Charles.....	Private.....	F	42d W. V. Infan	
Cantwell, James.....	Private.....	G	3d U. S. Infan	
Catlin, Pope.....	Private.....	C	48th Mo. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Cline, E. W.....	Private.....	I	3d Minn. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Christmas, David.....	Corporal.....	A	93d N. Y. Infan.....	Missoula
Cochran, James.....	Private.....	L	8th Mich. Cav.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Christmas, M. (died, 1888)	Private.....	E	Iowa V. Infan.....	Missoula
Dickinson, W. H. H.....	Private.....	C	3d Kan. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Danforth, David (dead)....	1st Sergt.....	F	21st Mo. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Egan, Wm.....	1st Sergt.....	H	5th Art.....	Missoula
Eddy, Albert P.....	Private.....	A	1st Or. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Eis Camp, Lewis.....	Private.....	D	18th N. Y. V. Cav.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Fulkerson, W. W.....	Private.....		3d N. Y. V. Infan.....	
Fletcher, James E.....	Private.....	I	3d Wis. V. Cav.....	
Fordham, Elva A.....	Private.....	E	1st N. Y. L. Art.....	Ft. Missoula
Fisher, Eli.....	Private.....	G	17th Ill. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Gardner, Geo. E.....	Private.....	H	17th Mass. V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Grant, Pleasant F.....	Q. M. Sergt.		8th Iowa Cav.....	Missoula
Hartman, Geo. B.....	Corporal.....	D	14th Ohio V. Infan.....	Missoula
Head, Geo. E.....			U. S. A.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Jameson, F. N.....	Private.....	G	1st Iowa V. Infan.....	
Kennedy, Will.....	Corporal.....	A	22d Ind. V. Infan.....	Boulder.....
Kenney, E. O.....	Captain.....	F	15th Conn.....	Missoula
Kelsey, Wm. (died, 1887)...	Captain.....	M	12th N. Y. Cav.....	Missoula
Koch, Chas.....	Private.....	F	17th Mo. V. Infan.....	
Kennett, Ferdinand.....	Sergt. Maj....	I	29th Mo. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Lombard, C. W.....	Private.....	I	3d Miss. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Lathrop, C. F.....	Private.....	B	6th Mich. H. Art	Missoula
Lane, Robt. L.....	Private.....	L	2d Cal. Cav.....	Missoula
Livingston, W. J.....	Q. M. Sergt.		72d N. Y. S. V.....	Missoula
Lese, Jeremiah.....	Private.....	A	79th N. Y. V.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.

Landers, Wm.....	Private.....	K	57th Ill. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Maseley, Robert.....	Corporal.....	C	2d Ill. Cav.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Martin, Patrick.....	Private.....	B	3d U. S. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Nermire, Gustave.....	Private.....	E	35th Mass V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Pearce, George.....	Private.....	F	7th Cal. V. Infan.....	.....
Pryor, George.....	Musician.....	A	1st La. V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Pierce, M. H.....	Sergeant.....	F	20th Ia. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Payne, Forest.....	1st Sergt.....	E	23d N. Y. V. Infan.....	Heron, Mont.....
Rogers, James.....	Private.....	I	176th N. Y. V. I.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Rice, Henry C.....	Private.....	M	1st Col. Cav.....	Missoula
Ryan, Thomas.....	Private.....	G	1st N. Y. V. I.....	Missoula
Sloane, John L.....	Private.....	A	5th N. Y.....	Missoula
Simmons, Leroy.....	Private.....		30th Mass. H. Art.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Thomas, David J.....	1st Sergeant.....	D	Mo. Militia.....	Missoula
Vanalstin, Chas.....	Private.....	A	124th Ill. V. Infan.....	Missoula
Woodruff, Ezra.....	A. Surgeon.....	B	15th Ky. V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Williams, Thos. (died, '88)	Private.....	I	2d V. L. Art.....	Missoula
Wilcoxon, Samuel C.....	Corporal.....	G	121st Ind. V. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Young, James	Private.....	B	6th Pa. Cav.....	Missoula
Zuanzig, Ortelles Adolp.....	Sergeant.....	B	15th N. Y. H. Art.....	Missoula
Conway, Edward.....	Musician.....	B	1st U. S. Infan.....	Ft. Meade, D. T.
Waldrip, James.....	Private.....		Vet. Eng. Corps.....	Missoula

THOMAS L. KANE POST NO. 12.

Glendive.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Henry C. Tuttle,	Post Commander.
John L. Burns,	Senior Vice Commander.
John S. Shaub,	Junior Vice Commander.
James McCormick,	Adjutant.
M. P. Wyman,	Quartermaster.
Wm. P. Middleham,	Surgeon.
Wm. W. Newton,	Chaplain.
Wilber M. Coleman,	Officer of the Day.
James W. Daily,	Officer of the Guard.
John Ferrons,	Sergeant Major.
— — — — —	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Pierce Hoopes, Jr.

Henry C. Tuttle.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Allen, Joseph W.....	Private.....	F	1st Kan. Infan.....	Leavenworth, Kansas...
Bamber, John.....	Private.....	G	20th Conn. Infan.....	Glendive
Bendon, Nathaniel J.....	Private.....	A	11th Penn. R. C. Infan	Missoula
Bangs, Wm. C.....	Captain.....	G	13th Mo. Infan.....	Williston, Dak.....
Burns, John L.....	Sergeant.....	K	142d N. Y. Infan.....	Glendive
Bennett, Norris S.....	1st Lieut.....	K	44th Ind. Infan.....	Glendive
Brown, David.....	Private.....	B	1st Mich. Infan.....	Dickinson, Dak.....
Bonham, Philip.....	Private.....	B	1st Nev. Cav.....	Newlon, Mont.....
Coleman, Wilber M.....	Private.....	L	1st Minn. Infan.....	Seattle, Wash. Ter.....
Coyle, James.....	Private.....	F & B	9th Conn. Infan.....	.....
Cyphers, Philip.....	Corporal.....	F	9th N. J. Infan.....	Dickinson, Dak.....
Cummins, Richard R.....	Corporal.....	D	124th Penn. Vet. Infan	.....
Daly, James.....	Private.....	K	1st Md. Cav.....	Glendive
Duffy, James.....	Private.....	F	33d N. J. Infan.....	.....
Davis, Geo. R.....	Drummer.....	C	42d Wis. Infan.....	Helena
Daily, James W.....	.....		.....	.....

Egan, Michael.....					
Ferrons, John.....	Private.....	A	15th Conn. Infan.....	Glendive.....	
Frederic, Henry.....	Seaman.....		U. S. S. Louisville.....		
Hoopes, Jr, Pierce.....	Private.....	A	1st Pa. V. R. C. Infan..	Livingston.....	
Hiershfield, Jacob.....	Private.....	C	31st N. Y. Infan.....	Miles City.....	
Insko, James W.....	Private.....	K	90th Pa. Infan.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	
Ledford, John S.....	Private.....	D	8th Ken. Infan.....	Wash. Ter.....	
Middleham, Wm. H.....	Farrier.....	L	9th Ill. Cav.....	Glendive.....	
McClung, Thomas J.....	1st Lieut.....	K	8th Ill. Infan.....	Missoula.....	
McFerren, Henry.....	Private.....	C	9th N. J. Infan.....		
McCormick, James.....	1st Sergt.....	D	19th Conn. Infan.....	Glendive.....	
McWhirk, Geo. B.....	Corporal.....	A	50th Ohio Infan.....	Miles City.....	
Newton, George H.....	Private.....	G	156th Ill. Infan.....	Glendive.....	
Newlon, Wm. W.....	Private.....	H	86th Ill. Infan.....		
Noe, Benjamin H.....	Corporal.....	F	47th Ken. Infan.....	Glendive.....	
Richmond, Geo. D.....	Private.....	K	158th N. Y. Infan.....	Williston, Dak.....	
Robinson, Richard R.....	Private.....	F	2d Iowa Infan.....		
Riley, James F.....	Private.....	L	6th Iowa Infan.....	Williston, Dak.....	
Slawson, Eben.....	Private.....	G	2d N. Y. H. Art.....		
Smith, Charles N.....	Private.....	D	1st Me. Cav.....	Newlon.....	
Tuttle, Henry C.....	Private.....	E	Ind. Batt. Minn. Cav...	Glendive.....	
Treat, R. M. (died Mch 2, '87)	Corporal.....	F	2d Iowa Cav.....		
Van Blaricom, Levi.....	Private.....	I	4th Minn. Infan.....	Glendive.....	
Waters, Ela C.....	Musician.....	H	38th Wis. Infan.....	Billings.....	
Walton, John E.....	Private.....	C	100th Pa. Infan.....		
Wyman, Moses P.....	1st C. Firemn.....		U. S. F. Minnesota.....	Forsythe.....	
Vunk, Robert.....				Albany, Ore.....	
Shaub, John S.....	Private.....	E	191st Ohio Infan.....	Glendive.....	
Tranmer, Charles.....	Private.....	B	1st Wis. H. Art.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 13.

Boulder.

OFFICERS, 1888.

A. S. Kellogg,	Post Commander.
Benj. F. Shrene,	Senior Vice Commander.
D. F. Hoopes,	Junior Vice Commander.
J. H. Miller,	Adjutant.
V. A. Cook,	Quartermaster.
J. H. Nelson,	Surgeon.
S. S. Street,	Chaplain.
Wm. Rains,	Officer of the Day.
Will Kennedy,	Officer of the Guard.
— — — — —	Sergeant Major.
— — — — —	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

Vining A. Cook.

Lucius Whiting.

Geo. Ten Eyck.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Albert, Alex.....	Musician.....	B	151st Ind. Infan.....	Jefferson City.....
Bailey, Frank.....	Private.....	H	12th Ill. Infan.....	Wickes.....
Bell, Alex.....	Private.....	I	95th Ill. Infan.....	Comet.....
Cook, Hiram.....	Captain.....	H	25th Mich. Infan.....	Boulder.....
Cook, Vining A.....	2d Lieut.....	F	3d Mich. Cav.....	Boulder.....
Dailey, Jas. P.....	Private.....	G	8th U. S. Infan.....	Comet.....
Faught, James.....	Private.....	G	91st Ohio Infan.....	Comet.....
Hanna, Lyman E.....	Private.....	K	10th Ohio Cav.....	Wickes.....

Hoopes, Benj. F.	Private	B	14th Pa. Cav.	Boulder
Harper, Samuel S.	Sergeant	B	9th Pa. Cavalry	Boulder
Hall, M. K.	Private		1st Minn. Bat.	Boulder
Kellogg, Jas. M.	Corporal	M	1st N. Mex. Cav.	Wickes
Kellogg, A. S.	Corporal	H	25th Mich. Infan.	Boulder
Mier, Alfred.	Private	K	35th Ohio Cav.	Whitehall
Marsh, Alonzo	Private	B	23d Ohio Infan.	Whitehall
Moore, John S.	Private	I	52d Ill. Infan.	Boulder
Nelson, James H.	Corporal	K	31st Mo. Infan.	Boulder
Park, Perry	Private	C	8th Iowa Cav.	Wickes
Rain, Wm. A.	Private	H	2d Cal. Cav.	Boulder
Street, S. S.	Corporal	A	22d Iowa Infan.	Boulder
Shrene, Benj. F.	1st Lieut.	E	10th Va. Infan.	Wickes
Sleigh, Geo. W.	Sergeant	A	92d Ohio Infan.	Wickes
Ten Eyck, Geo.	Captain	I	8th N. Y. Art.	Boulder
Tole, Louis H.	Corporal	E	2d Ohio Infan.	Wickes
Weber, Mathias	Private	B	72d Ohio Infan.	Wickes
Weaver, F. L.	Ship Carp.		Miss. Squadron	Boulder

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 14.

Miles City.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Henry Romeyn,	Post Commander.
E. A. Kreidler,	Senior Vice Commander.
N. Borchardt,	Junior Vice Commander.
E. A. Koerper,	Surgeon.
S. E. Snider,	Chaplain.
F. R. Tyler,	Officer of the Day.
R. W. Corwin,	Adjutant.
Abram Hall,	Quartermaster.
J. W. Barnes,	Officer of the Guard.
— — —	Sergeant Major.
— — —	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

R. C. Webster.

Henry Romeyn.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Allen, Chas. H.	1st Lieut.	E	1st Mich. Sharpshooters	Ft. Keogh
Anderson, Chas. W.	Private	B	1st Pa. L. Art.	Forsyth
Borchardt, Newman	1st Lieut.		7th U. S. Vol.	Miles City
Buckingham, J. W.	Private		Chicago B. of T. Bat.	Miles City
Bryan, Thos. J.	Lieut. Col.		74th Ill.	Miles City
Birkle, Wm.	Private	E	5th Iowa	Miles City
Barnes, J. W.	Private	B	35th Ind.	Ft. Keogh
Bremenstahl, S. M.	Private	A	64th Ill.	
Burke, Michael	Private	F	48th N. Y. V.	Ft. Keogh
Bissonnett, Nap.	Private	G	14th Vt.	Miles City
Campbell, R. E.	Sergeant	G	47th Iowa	Miles City
Carr, William	Private	D	1st Neb. Infan.	Miles City
Chapman, E. K.	Private	A	18th N. Y. Art.	Miles City
Corwin, R. W.	Private	I	41st Mo. Infan.	Ft. Keogh
Dowling, Jos.	Private	H	1st U. S. Art.	Ft. Keogh
Ehrick, A. J. F.	Private	A	1st Mo. L. Art.	Miles City
Foley, Edward	Musician	D	4th U. S. Infan.	Ft. Keogh
Fullmer, Jacob	Sergeant	I	5th U. S. Infan.	Ft. Keogh
Goeke, Herman	Private	A	15th Mo. Infan.	Miles City
Hall, Abram	Musician	K	106th Ill.	Miles City
Holden, J. G.		K	26th Ohio V. Vol.	Ft. Keogh
Harmon, Wm.	Lieutenant	D	1st Minn.	Miles City

Hunter, David	Private	A	23d Mo. Vol	Omaha, Neb.
Hillson, Frank	Private	E	10th Mich. Infan	Miles City
Hughes, James	Sergeant	E	5th N. Y. Infan	Ft. Keogh
Hale, John	Private	G	3d U. S. Cav	Ft. Keogh
Harley, Michael	Private	B	5th U. S. Infan	Miles City
Johnson, J. W.	Private		45th Iowa	Miles City
Koeper, E. A.				Ft. Keogh
Kreidier, E. A.	Captain		60th N. Y. Vol	Miles City
Leonard, John	Private	A	16th Mich	Miles City
Lansing, C. H.	Private	K	1st N. Y.	Miles City
Romeyn, Henry	Captain		14th U. S. C. I.	Ft. Keogh
Stadtmiller, C.				Ft. Keogh
Schich, Adolph	Private	F	100th N. Y.	Ft. Keogh
Slayer, Aug.	Corporal	A	5th U. S. Infan	Sdrs' Home, Wash., D. C.
Savage, C. W.	Sergeant	D	1st Minn.	Miles City
Snider, S. E.	Bugler	I	4th W. Va. Cav	Miles City
Seibelder, Anton	Private	F	9th Ohio	Ft. Keogh
Sartin, W. A.	Bugler	G	3d N. Y. Cav	Ft. Yates, Dak
Snow, Edgar J.	Corporal	B	51st Ill.	Miles City
Tyler, F. R.	Private		137th N. Y.	Ft. Keogh
Thompson, H. C.	Private	C	8th Pa. Cav	Ft. Keogh
Tooker, Gideon L.	Corporal	G	10th N. Y.	Ft. Keogh
Tully, John		F	184th N. Y.	Miles City
Vollinger, Jacob	Saddler		4th U. S. Cav	Ft. Totten, Dak
Whitea, Patton G.	Private	B	5th U. S. Infan	Miles City
Wheeler, Clinton	Private	K	10th Ohio Cav	Sadie
Woodliff, John	Private	H	8th V. R. C.	Miles City
Wilson, Alphonso F.	Private	A	8th Kan.	Sadie
Young, Chas.	Private	F	6th Ohio	Miles City

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

Anaconda.

OFFICERS, 1888.

T. C. Davidson,	Post Commander.
J. S. Wisner,	Senior Vice Commander.
M. P. Spier,	Junior Vice Commander.
James Kinney,	Adjutant.
A. Short,	Quartermaster,
E. Golder,	Surgeon.
T. J. Lamont,	Chaplain.
P. B. Gates,	Officer of the Day.
— — — — —	Officer of the Guard.
— — — — —	Sergeant Major.
John Connovan,	Quartermaster Sergeant.

PAST POST COMMANDER.

Austin B. Gates.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Bishop, J. K.				
Bancroft, G. W.				
Collins, R. (died Ap. 28, '88)	Private	G	23th Iowa	
Connovan, John	Private	G	3d Iowa Art	Anaconda
Collins, V. H.				
Davidson, T. C.	Private	C	185th Ohio	Anaconda
Golder, Eber	Sergeant	D	21st Iowa	Anaconda
Gates, Austin B.				
Kinney, James	Private	H	53th Pa.	Anaconda
Lamont, T. J.	Private	G	45th Ill	Anaconda
Morley, N. H.	Private	K	25th C. V.	Anaconda
Short, A.	Private	H	53th Pa.	Anaconda
Spier, M. B.	Private	G	111th N. Y.	Anaconda
Stevens, A. P.	Private	A	163d Ohio	Anaconda
Wisner, J. S.	Corporal	H	6th Mich.	Anaconda

THOMAS' FRANCIS MEAGHER POST NO. 17.

White Sulphur Springs.

OFFICERS, 1888.

Louis Rotwitt, Post Commander.
Wm. Luppold, Senior Vice Commander.
C. P. Abbott, Junior Vice Commander.
C. M. Waterman, Adjutant.
J. C. Hussey, Quartermaster.
H. K. Edwards, Surgeon.
A. Watson, Chaplain.
A. Bumgard, Officer of the Day.
John Pizor, Officer of the Guard.
— — Sergeant Major.
— — Quartermaster Sergeant.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	ADDRESS.
Abbott, Chas. P.....	Private.....	K	1st N. Y. Art.....	White Sulphur Springs .
Bumgard, A. L.....	Sergeant.....	E	56th N. Y. Infan.....	White Sulphur Springs .
Edwards, H. K.....	Captain	A	21st Wis. Infan.....	Castle.....
Hussey, J. C.....	1st Lieut.....	G	10th Iowa Infan.	White Sulphur Springs .
Luppold, Wm.....	Private.....	F	2d Iowa Cav.....	White Sulphur Springs ..
Pizor, John.....	Private.....	C	100th Pa. Infan.....	White Sulphur Springs ..
Rotwitt, Louis.....	Corporal.....	B	Fremont's Body Guard	White Sulphur Springs ..
Sanford, John J.....	Private.....	A	17th Wis. Infan.....	Castle.....
Waterman, C. Max.....	Sergeant.....	B	35th Iowa Infan.....	White Sulphur Springs ..
Watson, Alexander.....	Private.....	D	6th Wis. Cav.....	Diamond.....

DEPARTMENT ROSTER, 1888.

Department Officers.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS, Helena, . . . *Department Commander.*
HENRY ROMEYN, Ft. Keogh, . . . *Senior Vice Commander.*
VINING A. COOK, Boulder, *Junior Vice Commander.*
EGON E. KOERPER, Boulder, *Medical Director.*
REV. S. A. WALLACE, Billings, *Chaplain.*

Department Staff.

JOHN MOFFITT, Helena, *Assistant Adjutant General.*
A. O. SIMONS, Helena, *Assistant Quartermaster General.*
GEORGE W. GRANT, Livingston, *Inspector.*
JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Virginia City, *Judge Advocate.*
J. D. JENKS, Butte, *Chief Mustering Officer.*
I. D. Moore, Sheridan, *Assistant Mustering Officer.*

Council of Administration.

M. C. WILKINSON, Ft. Custer. L. S. WILLSON, . . . Bozeman.
CHAS. S. SHOEMAKER, . Butte. JOHN S. SLOAN, . . . Missoula.
A. S. KELLOGG, . . . Boulder. *

Representatives at National Encampment.

JAMES H. MILLS, DEER LODGE. MOSES P. WYMAN, Glendive.

ALTERNATES.

ROBERT E. FISK, . . HELENA. JAS. E. CALLAWAY, Virginia.

Aids-de-Camp.

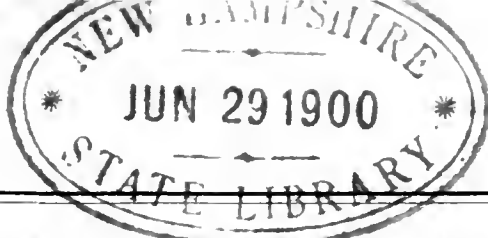
E. M. Walker, . . . Ft. Custer.	J. B. Scott, Butte.
Jno. P. Donaldson, . . . Helena.	Patrick Fox, Butte.
B. F. Martz, Deer Lodge.	G. W. Rightenour, Sheridan.
James B. Howe, Virginia.	Jno. Skillin, Livingston.
Fred. Hopp, Dillon.	Jno. S. Axtell, . . . Bozeman.
James Young, Missoula.	Geo. W. Flanders, . Bozeman.
Wilber M. Coleman, Glendive.	S. S. Harper, Boulder.
N. Borchardt, Miles City.	Frank R. St. John, . Billings.
Augustus Short, . . . Anaconda.	William Deal, Billings.

Past Department Commanders.

THOMAS P. FULLER, Helena.

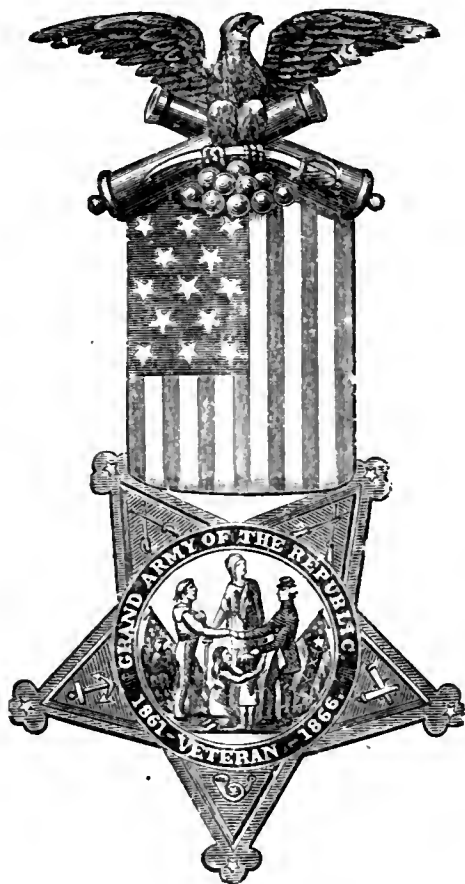
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E. A. C. WATERS, Billings.



DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

5th and 6th Encampments.

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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,

Grand Army of the Republic.

SESSION 1889.

Proceedings of the 5th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.



The 5th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R., met at the Post room of Wadsworth Post No. 3, in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, April 9th, 1889, at 12 m., Department Commander, Junius G. Sanders in the chair.

Comrade Richard A. Craig of Post 3 was detailed as officer of the day, and Comrade John Flemming of Post 1 and J. H. McKinzie, Post 3 as inside Guards.

The roll of officers was called, and the following were present:

Officers of the Department.

Commander, Junius G. Sanders, Post 3.
Senior Vice-Commander, E. A. Kreidler, Post 14.
Junior Vice-Commander, Vining A. Cook, Post 13.
Medical Director, R. M. Whitefoot, Post 10.
Cnaplain. S. A. Wallace, Post 15.

Official Staff

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l. John Moffitt, Post 3.
Ass't. Q. M. Gen'l. A. O. Simons, Post 3.
Inspector, Geo. W. Grant, Post 7.
Judge Advocate, J. E. Callaway, Post 6.
Chief Mustering Officer, J. D. Jenks, Post 2.

Council of Administration.

Lester S. Willson, Post No. 10.
Chas. S. Shoemaker, Post No. 2.
John L. Sloane, Post No. 11.
A. S. Kellogg, Post No. 13.
J. R. Goss, Post No. 15

Comrade S. E. Synder, Chaplain of Post No. 14, invoked the Divine blessing.

A committee on credentials was appointed by the commander, consisting of Comrades H. S. Howell, of Post No. 6, Harry C. Kessler, of Post No. 2, John Skillin, of Post No. 7, and M. W. Weber, of Post No. 13.

The committee subsequently reported that there were entitled to seats in the Encampment the following named Comrades.

Delegates and Alternates comprising the 5th Annual Encampment.

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Past Department Commanders.

Thos. P. Fuller, Charles S. Warren, Ela C. Waters.

JOHN BUFFORD POST NO. 1.
 Fort Custer.
 Commander, Samuel K. Fisher.
 Past Post Com. Christian Hanson.
 " " " J. K. Macomber.
 " " " Curtis E. Price.
 " " " Joseph Reinhardt.
 " " " Joseph Upham.
 DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
 John Flemming, Samuel Bonds.
 Erastus M. Walker, Benj. Helms.
LINCOLN POST NO. 2.
 Butte City.
 Commander, Levi E. Holmes.
 Past Post Com. J. D. Jenks.
 " " " Chas. S. Warren.
 " " " Harry C. Kessler.
 " " " C. S. Shoemaker.
 " " " P. R. Polman.
 DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
 Patrick Fox, Geo. Turret.
 John Reiley, Samuel G. Smith.
 John Patterson, O. B. Benson.
 Simon Hauswirth, F. M. Barrett.
WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.
 Helena
 Commander, Robt. E. Fisk.
 Past Post Com. Thos. P. Fuller
 " " " Robt. C. Wallace
 " " " Junius G. Sanders.
 " " " R. A. Craig
 " " " Geo. W. Shaw.
 DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
 James P. Dunn, L. G. Sillman.
 J. W. Kinsley, Thos. Connors.
 Chas. F. Gage, E. S. Kellogg.
 Ed. S. Walker, Isaac Hall.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 4.
 Deer Lodge
 Commander, Jas. H. Mills.
 Past Post Com. D. J. McMillan.
 " " " H. H. Zenor.
 " " " Lew Coleman.
 " " " H. A. Smurr.
 DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
 W. B. Miller, H. A. Smurr.
 E. B. Mills, Van Gundy
CUSTER POST NO. 5.
 Sheridan
 Commander, G. W. Rightenour.
 Past Post Com. O. F. Parmeter.
 " " " L. D. Moore.
 " " " E. L. Dickinson.
 DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
 Riley Thompson, Wm. M. Means.
 H. D. Rossiter, Thos. A. Foster.
FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.
 Virginia City.
 Commander, T. P. Cox.
 Past Post Com. Jas. E. Callaway.
 " " " Henry N. Blake.
 " " " Eugene Stark.
 " " " J. B. Carruthers.
 " " " Steve Gainan.
 DELEGATES.
 H. S. Howell.
 C. N. Sprague.
FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.
 Livingston.
 Commander, F. W. Wright.
 Past Post Com. Pierce Hoopes, Jr.
 " " " Geo. T. Chambers.
 " " " Geo. W. Grant.
 " " " Jno. Skillin.
 DELEGATE. ALTERNATE.
 C. C. Fifield, Hugo Hoppe.

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.
Dillon.

Commander, Otho Klemm.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
H. D. Pickman, Robt. McDonald.

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10.
Bozeman.

Commander, Roger Edwards.

Past Post Com. Eddy F. Ferris.

" " " J. M. Lindley.
" " " B. F. Osborne.
" " " W. Y. Smith.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
W. F. Sanders, R. M. Whitefoot.
Geo. O. Eaton, Oscar Van Tassell.
G. W. Flanders, J. A. McKelroy.

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.
Missoula.

Commander, W. J. Livingston.

Past Post Com. Jno. L. Sloane.

" " " Will Kennedy.
" " " C. W. Lombard.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
Jno. M. Sloane, Fred Kennett.
C. W. Lombard, Eli Fisher.

THOS. L. KANE POST NO. 12.
Glendive.

DELEGATE.
Moses P. Wyman.

J. B. McPHERSON POST NO. 13.
Boulder.

Commander, Will Kennedy.

Past Post Com. A. S. Kellogg.

" " " V. A. Cook.
" " " Geo. Ten Eyck.
" " " Lucius Whitney.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
Alonzo A. Marsh, W. M. Weber.
J. M. Kellogg, D. F. Shreve.

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 11.
Miles City.

Commander, E. A. Kreidler.

Past Post Com. R. C. Webster.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
Chas. Allen, Abraham Hull.
Jno. Tully, Wm. Harmon.

JNO. A. LOGAN POST NO. 15.
Billings.

Commander, Jos. Reinhardt.

Past Post Com. Lucius Whitney.

DELEGATES. ALTERNATES.
O. Hoskins, Wm. Deal.
S. A. Wallace, A. P. Hart.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16.
Anaconda.

Commander, C. T. Davidson.

Past Post Com. Austin B. Gates.

DELEGATES.
Eber Golder.
N. H. Morley.

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.
Great Falls.

Commander, D. C. McGill.

DELEGATE ALTERNATE.
F. George Heldt, Saml. Dean.

Report of Committee on Credentials was amended by placing the name of Comrade M. P. Wyman in the list as delegate from Thos. L. Kane Post No. 12.

Recess of half an hour to witness inauguration of Gov. White.

Department resumed, having witnessed the administration of the oath of office by Department Commander to Gov. B. F. White.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

Address of Department Commander Sanders read and referred to Comrades Callaway, Sloane, Kennedy Holmes and Kinsley.

"Comrades of the Grand Army:

We do not forget that this is an anniversary day.

Twenty-four years ago your sacrifices and toils culminated in the practical surrender of the greatest army of the Rebellion, and thenceforth the unity of the Republic was secured. The ebb tide of carnage and blood had set in, and citizen and soldier, alike, watched with more anxious and more hopeful eyes for the white winged messenger of peace. An event of such significance had not occurred since the surrender of the armies of Great Britain to Gen. Washington at Yorktown.

Our labors during the four years of war may very well be reviewed with feelings of congratulation and pride. They made impossible further taunts, and demonstrated our country's ability to protect itself against domestic as well as foreign foes.

The war illustrated the versatile character of the American people, and showed how readily they could adapt themselves, alike to the arts of war or peace.

Without vanity, and with just pride, we can survey at this remote period that conquest, and recite the achievements of our countrymen without just cause of offense.

The voluminous publications with which the press teems testify how strong a hold these achievements have taken on the public mind, and how deep are the interests which cluster around these events.

We know who in that great struggle for National unity were right; we know who, in that warfare, manifested the highest qualities of courage and endurance, and can safely leave to the future with its judgment of unfailing justice the record of our deeds.

It is because of what was then done that our nation stands so high. Its good name will be forever acknowledged and defended, and its power forever respected on land and sea.

Our own attention and the attention of the public has been so addressed to that great event, that I think we have somewhat overlooked the achievements of our citizens soldiery in the arts of peace, in later years.

It is difficult to conceive of the United States as they existed at the close of the Rebellion.

One or two short railroads west of the Mississippi carried occasional emmigration toward the Missouri River. West of that great river not a locomotive or a State until we reach the confines of the Pacific Ocean. This great region, constituting one half of the geographical area of the country, almost untraversed and unknown. Mineral wealth, such as no other country possessed hidden in the bowels of the earth, and patriots wonderingly inquiring whence should come the precious metals wherewith the credit of the Union was to be redeemed. How little did they appreciate the energy that remained after the great struggle; the enterprise that was directed into new paths or conquest; the resources that lay buried in this traditional and seeming waste west of the mighty Missouri River.

Before the onward march of our discharged soldiery in search of fortune and fame the savage Indian has quailed, and asks now the modest opportunity to eke out his existence in poverty and in peace. His conquest was no mean struggle and it only dwindles beside the larger strife from which we had just emerged.

Over all that broad domain, then uninhabited, now rise cities that are the marvel of the country, and State after State arises, as if by magic, to demand recognition in this American Union.

I think that the momentum that was given to this Western migration may clearly be traced to the war of the Rebellion.

Twenty-four years have changed the face of the Western world. It has disturbed the political and numerical equilibrium of the country. It is rapidly changing the political and financial centres, and this Western conquest is exciting, alike, the wonder and admiration of the American people.

The daring that was intensified by war, showed itself upon other fields of activity, and when once the efforts of those who were fighting for the Union were finished, the victors turned to other fields of achievement and found on the Western half of the American Continent an inviting field of action.

Who so could have witnessed this transformation of less than a quarter of a century, might well have wondered whence came the impetus that made it possible. They could have traced it to the intensified patriotism, and the serene confidence; to the increasing strength born of the war of the Rebellion.

From New Mexico to Montana, the soldiers of that war have engaged in this peaceful conquest, and have written creditably their names upon its history.

The period has arrived when they are rapidly passing away. Never again, is it probable, will they assemble in our National Encampment, in such multitudes as they did at Columbus. Our assemblages may be fittingly occasions of self-congratulation and enjoyment. They should enable us to inquire how we can best care for our needy comrades, their widows and orphans; how best we can strengthen that emblem of patriotism that will render all attempts to disintegrate our Republic impossible.

Unquestionably the demands of our own commonwealth in the American Union as a State will have the effect of intensifying the patriotism of our people. Henceforth we are to be part and parcel of the great American Union, and one star upon its banner will be our own. With such high companionship we shall easily walk worthy of the deeds which are past and the duties which are before.

And, so remembering that this Grand Army of the Republic is to be what every comrade would make it, let each resolve that this last Encampment to be held in the Territory of Montana, shall, at its close, give cause to each and to all, of abundant gratification and rejoicing.

The Report of the Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l. is comprehensive in its details, and shows a net gain in membership for the

year ending Dec. 31, 1888, of 61, against a gain of 23 for the year previous.

This result is gratifying when we take into consideration the fact that our losses were heavy by reason of transfer of the regular troops from this department; the loss from transfer alone amounting to 48—an increase of 32 as compared with the year previous.

The report of the Ass't. Q. M. Gen'l. to date shows a balance of Department Funds in his hands, of three hundred and 74-100 dollars.

Considering the extraordinary drafts made upon our resources during the last year the result is all that could be expected.

Since our last Encampment two new posts have been organized in this Department as follows:

Thomas Francis Meagher Post No. 17 at White Sulphur Springs, and Sheridan Post No. 18 at Great Falls.

Post No. 17, after a valiant effort on the part of its officers to retain its organization, finally concluded to surrender its charter. The inability of the comrades to be present at the regular meetings, owing to the distance which many resided therefrom, was the principle cause of its discontinuance.

The enthusiastic interest exhibited by the members of the order at the organization of Sheridan Post No. 18 justifies me in the belief that this will, at no distant day, become a prosperous post.

Early in the year, by the transfer of the 2nd and 5th U. S. Infantry from Montana to other stations, this Department lost a number of its most useful and zealous members and among them three Department officers, viz:

Comrade Henry Romeyn, Senior Vice Commander; Comrade Egon E. Koerper, Medical Director, and Comrade M. C. Wilkinson, member of the Council of Administration. Upon being officially advised of the withdrawal from their posts in this Departments, the members of the Council of Administration were called upon to fill the vacancies in the offices thus existing, which resulted in the selection of Comrade E. A. Kreidler of Post No. 14, as Senior Vice-Commander; Comrade R. M. Whitefoot of Post No. 10, as Medical Director, and Comrade James R. Goss of Post 15 as member of the Council of Administration.

These officers were duly installed as such at the next regular meeting of their respective posts after their election, by special orders from these headquarters.

The Published Proceedings.

The committee appointed by resolution of the 4th annual encampment to prepare and have printed the proceedings of the four Encampments held in this department, have performed their duties, and will make reports thereof to this Encamp-

ment. The proceedings have been distributed to the several posts of the Department pro rata.

The sum appropriated for this purpose was insufficient and a bill will be presented to you to cover the deficiency.

The committee have performed their duty well, considering the data they had at hand, and are entitled to the thanks of this encampment.

The rosters published with the proceedings are not all that could be desired, but they will form a basis for future publications, which we hope will be much improved.

Owing to the failure of the officers of John A. Logan Post, No. 15, to forward to headquarters the roster of the Post, this was omitted from the published proceedings.

In this connection I would recommend that in future publications there be a memorial page upon which should be inscribed the roll of the dead.

The last encampment appropriated the sum of \$50 to defray the expenses of the delegates to the 23rd National Encampment in obtaining suitable rooms for headquarters of the Montana delegation. Subsequently, rooms for the purpose, in the State Capitol at Columbus were tendered the delegation, free of charge, and upon the suggestion of Comrade Mills this sum was devoted to the purchase of a Department banner.

I hope that my action in this matter will meet with your approval. I would suggest that the name of each city at which the National Encampments have been held since the organization of this Department be inscribed on the banner.

As directed by the last encampment, I have ascertained from National headquarters that there is no prescribed form for the installation of department officers. This, it would seem to me, would be a proper subject for your consideration, to the end that the question may be brought to the attention of the National Encampment, next.

The rules and regulations require that the department officers shall be properly installed, and it seems eminently proper that some form should be adopted for the guidance of Departments.

Quarterly Report of Posts.

It would seem that nothing could be added to what has already been said in General Orders and otherwise of the great annoyance caused by the failure of officers of posts to make prompt reports to department headquarters.

One or two posts will keep back the entire department in its reports to National headquarters. And in this connection I would say that this neglect nearly cost the department its representation in the last National Encampment. I cannot

too forcibly impress upon the minds of officers of subordinate posts the necessity of a reform in this respect. The proper time to make these reports is upon the evening of the last meeting of the Post in the quarter. The business of the quarter closes at that time, and there is no reason why the reports should not then be forwarded.

S. O. V.

At the last National Encampment the order of the Sons of Veterans received official recognition and a committee was appointed with a view to strengthening that organization. This resulted in the consolidation of the "Camps and Posts" system, under the name of "Camps of Sons of Veterans," the members thereof being designated as "Comrades," and the officers taking the same rank as the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic. Recently a new division has been formed, embracing the territories of Montana, Idaho, Washington and the state of Oregon, all under the command of the division commander of Montana.

In this Department there are five organized camps with a membership of nearly 200, and a prospect of several new camps being organized in the near future.

Political Campaign.

At no time since its organization has the Grand Army of the Republic had an opportunity to demonstrate so clearly to the world, its non-partisan principles, as in the last national political campaign. Involving, as it did, the continuance in the exalted office of President, of the man who was the author or promulgator of the "Flag Order," and who had been charged, whether justly or unjustly, it is not our province at this time to say, with having invoked the veto power harshly and unjustly against those of our comrades whom congress had declared to be deserving, is a source of gratification to all, and should be convincing beyond a question to the public at large, to know that in no instance has our organization been drawn into a controversy of a partisan nature.

Old soldiers are jealous of the rights of their comrades; are ever ready to assist and defend those who are deserving, and upon all occasions are ready to maintain whatever position they may assume with fidelity and honor; but, when associated together as comrades in the Post room, around the "camp fire" or at the banquet board, all partisan feelings are dispelled, and they vie with each other in the exemplification of those cardinal principles of our order—"Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty."

Death.

Death has dealt gently with our order during the year just closed, the record showing eight deaths in this depart-

ment against 12 for the previous year.

While this result is gratifying, yet we cannot be deceived by this apparent halt in the march of the Great Destroyer; the death roll cannot diminish for we are on the march to the "bivouac of the dead," the shadows lengthen behind us, and each year will bring us new sepulchres in the garden of death.

We stand silent and uncovered in the presence of these departed comrades whose "final statements have been made up," and whom we trust have received their reward.

"Rest on, embalmed and sainted dead,
Dear as the blood you gave.
No impious footstep here shall tread
The herbage of your grave.
Nor shall your glory be forgot,
While Fame her record keeps,
Or Honor paints the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps."

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Q. M. General, and other officers of the department, I extend my hearty thanks for their co-operation, and the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties. Ever watchful of the interests of the department, loyal and faithful to the Commander, and ready to perform every task, I have for them but words of praise and thanks.

Comrades: We have reached the close of another campaign, and are now assembled to consider its results; and to organize for new conquests.

How successful have been the efforts of those whom you have chosen for your leaders for the past year is for you to judge and for history to record.

I shall never cease to feel grateful to you for the honor you have conferred upon me, and hope you may never have reason to regret your action.

To have been thus honored by my comrades was a distinction never hoped for, and now, as I take my place in the ranks, it is with the hope that I shall be received with that feeling of fraternity born only of companionship of old soldiers; that my shortcomings shall be judged by that charity which is kind, and that we shall all render to my successor that loyalty which has characterized your action toward me in the year now past.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,
Dept. Commander.

Report of Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

HEADQUARTES, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
HELENA, MONTANA, April 9, 1889. }

Junius G. Sanders, Department Commander

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—As required by the rules and regulations I have the honor herewith to submit the following report of the transactions of this office for the year ended Dec. 31, 1888.

On Dec. 31, 1887, there were in good standing 15 Posts and 506 members. On Dec. 31, 1888, there were 15 Posts and 567 members which would make a small increase of 61.

The following are the gains and losses during the year as per official report:

Membership in good standing Dec. 31, 1887, 506.	
GAINS—By muster in	109
By Transfer	13
By Reinstatement	41
By Reinstatement from delinquent reports	116
Total gains	279
Aggregate	785
LOSSES—By death	7
By honorable discharge	12
By transfer	28
By suspension	170
By dishonorable discharge	1
Total losses	218
Number remaining in good standing	567
Net gain during the year	61

Financial Exhibit.

Cash balance on hand March 24, 1887 in hands of Ass't.	
Q. M. Gen'l.	\$387.84
Capitulation tax rec'd during year	564.50
Cr.	
By Ass't. Q. M. Gen'l. Voucher No. 1	99.75
By Ass't. Q. M. Gen'l. Voucher No. 2	119.25
" " " " " 3	34.00
" " " " " 4	157.25
" " " " " 5	129.75
" " " " " 6	25.50
Total	\$564 50

The Francis Meagher Post No. 17 of W. S. Springs organized with but ten members, during the year lost four charter members, and not being sufficiently able to gain recruits to fill up their ranks were compelled to surrender their charter.

There has been expended during the year, as per reports received, \$291.10 for the relief of members or their families.

There has been issued from this office during your administration seven general orders, six general orders, six

special orders, 15 general orders and ten circulars received from National Headquarters, and been officially distributed to the posts of the department, together with mailing of 650 copies of proceedings of the 2d, 3d and 4th Annual Encampments of this department, and 25 copies of the National Encampment held at Columbus, O., Sept 12, 1888.

I would most earnestly call the attention of Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters to Sec. 1, Art. 11, Chap. X, Rules and Regulations in relation to quarterly reports.

While some are very prompt in forwarding reports others are very neglectful. If all posts would have a correct report in the hands of the Ass't. Adjt. Gen'l., the first days of Jan. Apr. July and Oct., it would lighten the labors of the officer very much, and enable him to consolidate and forward his report to National Headquarters within the time prescribed.

In closing this, my annual report, I tender to you, Commander, my sincere thanks for your partiality and confidence in selecting me for this honorable and responsible position, which I have endeavored to fulfill to the best of my ability, and to the Dept. Officers, the Staff and Comrades generally I tender my cordial thanks for assistance, courtesy and kindness extended.

Yours in F. C. and L.

(Signed) JNO. MOFFITT.

HELENA, Apr. 9, 1889.

We, the undersigned Council of Administration, having examined the report of the A. A. G., found the same correct

J. G. SANDERS, A. S. KELLOGG,
G. N. GRANT, JNO. S. SLOANE.

Headquarters Assistant Q. M. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HELENA, Apr. 9, 1889. }

Junius G Sanders Department Commander

COMRADE:—I have the honor to herewith submit the following report of this office since March 24, 1888 to the present time:

Receipts.

Cash on hand from Past A. Q. M. Gen.	-	\$387.84
“ per capita tax first quarter	-	141.00
“ “ “ second quarter	-	139.25
“ “ “ third quarter	-	145.00
“ “ “ fourth quarter	-	142.00
“ sale of supplies	-	228.84
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		\$1,183.93

Disbursements.

Paid per capita National Dept.	-	-	\$ 10.79
Supplies	-	-	175.52
Printing	-	-	218.50
Blank book A. A. G.	-	-	2.60
Postage and envelopes	-	-	21.03
Preparing records for publication	-	-	20.00
Department banner	-	-	70.00
Express and cartage	-	-	13 75
Expense Inspector General	-	-	150.00
Salary, E. C. Culver A. A. G.	-	-	50.00
Salary, John Moffitt	-	-	150.00

\$882.19

Balance on hand, - - - - \$301.74 \$1,183.93

Yours in F. C. and L.,

A. O. SIMONS,

A. Q. M. G., Dep't. of Montana.

We, the members of the Council of Administration, have examined the report of A. Q. M. G. and find them correct.

A. S. KELLOGG,

G. N. GRANT.

JNO. S. SLOANE,

J. G. SANDERS.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL,

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,

Grand Army of the Republic. }

To the Ass't. Adj't Gen'l. Department of Montana, G. A. R., Apr 8, 1889.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit the following report of duties performed by me during the past year. I have visited all the posts in the Department that could be reached by railroad, except Wm. English Post, and on account of change in the time of holding the regular meeting of said Post, I failed to meet with them.

The posts visited by me as inspector were as follows: Fred Winthrop, No. 11; Geo. H. Thomas, No. 4; Geo. G. Meade, No. 16; Lincoln, No. 2; Steadman, No. 8; Wadsworth, No. 3; John A. Logan, No. 15; Farragut, No. 7; Thos. L. Kane, No. 12; U. S. Grant, No. 14; J. B. McPherson, No. 13; —11 in all.

Owing to the distance many comrades live from the places of the meeting, and the difficulty which exists in most towns of using the same hall for so many different societies, it was, and is impossible to meet all the posts on the night of their regular meeting, and consequently very difficult to get a quorum together at a special meeting, and in many instances, the only inspection that could be made was of the books and papers and money accounts. In every instance I found all the money of the different posts properly accounted for, but in many instances very little attention was paid to the form of keeping the books in addition to the questions on the printed

form II.; others were asked as follows:

Number of soldier inmates of charitable institutions, number of soldiers' widows or orphans dependent upon charity, and I take pride and pleasure in reporting that I did not find a single instance of either a soldier or the widow or orphan of soldiers that were left to the cold charity of the world. Careful inquiry disclosed the fact that very much was being done by the comrades privately for the families of deserving soldiers of which there was no record made, which makes it impossible to make a correct estimate of the amount contributed by the Department for charitable purposes.

Deaths were reported to me, which for the number of comrades in the Department is very small, only half as many as were reported the preceding year.

I found that some of the posts had never been properly instructed in the manner of conducting their meetings or musters. I found some of the posts that had never been instructed in the unwritten work at all, which I think was a very grave neglect of the mustering officer who mustered the post.

Comrades, owing to circumstances, over which I had no control, I have been delayed in making my report until it is too late to make it as full and complete as I would like; but if the Department will excuse this short report, I will, before the proceedings of this Encampment are published, make out a more full and complete one, and submit the same to the present Commander and Adjutant for their approval.

And now, in concluding this report, I want to thank the officers and comrades of all the posts for the courtesy and kindness shown me when visiting the different posts as Department Inspector.

All of which I most respectfully submit in F. C. and L.,
G. N. GRANT, Inspector

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, }
Department of Montana, G. A. R., }
VIRGINIA, MONTANA, April 6, 1889.

To John Moffitt, Asst. Adjt. General, Dept. of Montana, G. A. R.:

COMRADE:—I have the honor to report that during the past year our comrades of this Department have behaved with the most becoming propriety. No complaint has been made or charges preferred against any comrade. ♦

With congratulations to you upon the success of your administration, and to our comrades upon the prosperity of our society, I have the honor to be in F. C. and L.,

Your Comrade, J. E. CALLAWAY,
Judge Advocate General.

DEER LODGE, Montana, March 31, 1889.

John Moffitt, Adjt. General Dept. of Montana, G. A. R.:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—Having been elected at the

Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana G. A. R. one of the representatives thereof to the Twenty-second National Encampment to be held at Columbus, Ohio, September 12-14, 1888, and attended the same, I have the honor to make the following report:

No other representatives, alternates or officers of the Department being present at Columbus on the morning of September 10th, I opened Headquarters for the Department of Montana in the State Capitol, displayed the banner of the Department and opened a department and visitors' register which is now in your possession. The following members of the Department registered therein during the encampment:

1. James H. Mills, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.
2. J. P. Donaldson, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
3. George Turrell, Lincoln Post No. 2.
4. J. H. Beur, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.
5. T. C. Davidson, Geo. G. Meade Post No. 16.
6. C. B. Newbury, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
7. A. T. Newbury, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
8. R. C. Wallace, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
9. P. R. Dorman, Lincoln Post No. 2.
10. O. C. Rinker, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
11. H. A. Smurr, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.
12. Rich. Hoback, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
13. Henry Romeyn, U. S. A.
14. John W. Gilbert, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.
15. W. F. Sanders, W. F. English Post No. 10.

During the day Senior Vice Commander, Henry Romeyn, a comrade we all highly esteem, arrived, and took charge and appointed the undersigned Acting Adjutant. His subsequent transfer to the Department of Texas, which we deeply regret, devolves upon me doubly the duty of making this report.

The parade on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1888, was the largest and grandest procession of Union soldiers there has been on the continent since the armies of Grant, Sherman and Meade passed into the great review at Washington in 1865.

Columbus is a magnificent city, with broad avenues arched with trees, then in their glory. The day was perfect. In its sunlight, along those avenues, with every building for miles covered with red, white and blue in all the gorgeous designs in silk and bunting that artistic ingenuity could devise, and lavish expenditure procure; under the eyes of 200,000 spectators who were massed from curb to curbing stone and rent the air with continuous and responsive cheers; in a city whose patriotic people had filled the whole atmosphere with generous welcome; under brilliant flags and banners marched to the music of 163 bands, sixty thousand veterans of the war for the Union, who, despite their average age of 52, their whitening hairs, and here and there a crutch and armless sleeve, went swinging along at the old step, and looked that yet, were the

Union or the Flag in peril, they would shake a quarter of a century from their being and again do honor to the name of the "Old Guard." It was in all respects a magnificent parade by the survivors of armies the world has never excelled.

The Department of Montana as a junior organization was assigned to the Seventeenth Division, and lay in position from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., before its turn came to fall into line for the three-mile march. To its credit be it said that, notwithstanding the delay and distance, it wheeled into line with thirteen members in ranks, marched over the entire route, and had fourteen members in line when dismissed. The explanation is that the veteran and honored comrade, General Nathan Kimball, Commander of the Department of Utah, came to our ranks en route, said his Department was unrepresented in parade, claimed the Department of Montana as a child of his own, and asked to march with it in review. He was heartily welcomed and we trust his gratification was as great as was the pride of Montana in its illustrious recruit.

Your representative was honored in the encampment by appointment on the committee of resolutions. While other matters, full report of which will be found in the Journal of the Encampment, occupied its attention, the principal matter before the committee was the attitude the Grand Army should take on the question of pensions. The pension committee appointed by the Twenty-first Encampment had reported their efforts to secure action on the disability bill, and other desired legislation in Congress had been thwarted, and they laid the responsibility therefor on the Chairman of the House Committee on invalid pensions. They stated he had not reported the bill and had it placed on the calender, although persistently urged, until it would be impossible to reach it during the session, and even then the report was mongrel and picayunish, and entirely at variance with the bill recommended by the Pension Committee. The Committee asked that the suggestions of last year be reaffirmed and another vigorous campaign commenced for the disability bill. The spirited debate on the motion to adopt this report brought out the fact, that while the action of the committee was approved, a strong element of the Encampment had determined not only to urge the Dependent pension bill, but to take advanced ground on the pension question, and demand as a matter of right and justice, the allowance of a service pension for all soldiers who had served in the Union armies during the rebellion. The report was adopted as read, but, as indicated, the question again came before the committee on resolutions. Each member of the committee was asked separately to state his views on the question. I said this Department was on record in favor of the disability bill; that while the question of a service pension had not been officially submitted to the several posts of the Department, the report of its representative to

the Twenty-first National Encampment had advocated a service pension, and had been adopted and favorably received, and that, in view of the fact, Congress, by inaction at least, had denied the pittance the Grand Army had asked to keep its dependent comrades from the almshouses. I believed the large majority, at least, of the Department of Montana was now in favor of taking a step ahead and asserting the duty of the Government to tender a service pension to all who had served in the Union armies, and that I would so vote.

The majority of the committee favored the service pension, and resolutions were adopted in committee 10 to 2 and afterward by the Encampment 446 to 22 declaring the Encampment favored the presentation to Congress of a bill which will give to soldiers and sailors who served sixty days or more, between April, 1861, and July, 1865, a service pension of \$8.00 per month, and to all who served over 800, an additional amount of 1 cent per day for each day's service exceeding that period.

The resolutions also contained approval of the disability bill. As time passes, the difficulty of procuring the necessary proof, under the rules in force applying to the present laws, are increasing to an extent that, in many cases, renders it impossible for those justly entitled to procure the required proof. I trust this Encampment will give this subject consideration, and provide that the representatives to the next National Encampment may have an expression from the Department that will leave no doubt of its attitude on the Dependent and Service pension bills.

A pleasant incidence was the presence of Commander Abbott of the Sons of Veterans before the committee, soliciting the recognition by the G. A. R. of the organization he represented. He made a well received address, assuring the Grand Army, the highest ambition of the Sons was to emulate the patriotism of their sires; to be guided by their counsels, to take their places as defenders of the Republic, should occasion ever require, and, as the Grand Army diminished, and they increased in numbers, to see that the ageing veterans were dealt with justly and kindly, and keep the memories of the fallen, green. All they asked was to have the formal recognition of the Grand Army, and its "God bless you." A resolution of recognition was unanimously adopted in the Encampment. The Sons of Veterans were unfortunately divided by some trivial estrangement. I notice since, that on a basis suggested by a commission of Grand Army men, they have become reconciled and happily reunited. Their numbers have now increased to 70,000, and it will be but a few years until their numbers exceed those of the Grand Army. All their principles are patriotic and pure, and comrades will be doing a noble duty in assisting and encouraging the formation and prosperity of camps wherever possible. The average

age of the members of the G. A. R. is over 52; their average death age is 56. The loss by death in the year ending March 31, 1888, was 443, so that, notwithstanding the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic at that date was 354,216, the order probably has reached nearly its maximum, and within a few years must rapidly diminish, until, in many places where strong posts now flourish, the camps of the Sons of Veterans will take the place of posts, and perhaps their lines and quarters be opened to honorary membership, and their camp fires be the only ones by which isolated veterans of the G. A. R. may sit. Should not the recognition of the National Encampment be supplemented by every encouragement the Department of Montana can give them?

At the fourth annual encampment held at Miles City \$50 were appropriated from the Department funds to establish and maintain in Montana Headquarters at the ensuing National Encampment. The magnificent hospitality that characterized every act of the citizens of Columbus during the Encampment found one method of expression in tendering to every Department free quarters in the State Capitol or elsewhere, and that expense being obviated, Commander Sanders directed the amount that had been appropriated be devoted to the purchase of a banner for this department. The splendid one now displayed at this encampment is the result. It was carried in the Columbus parade, as I trust it will be in many succeeding ones; and, if I may be permitted, I recommend that the name of each city where it is so carried in National Encampment, be emblazoned upon it, as in the olden days the names of the engagements where borne were placed upon the regimental colors as a title of honor.

A matter of serious inconvenience to representatives of this Department heretofore has been the fact that the Department furnished no badges to its members at the National Encampments. All departments wear distinctive badges. Some have emblems or designs that are worn year after year and become a familiar and welcome distinction. But the procurement of even an ordinary badge for the Department in the rush and confusion of the first day or two at a National Encampment, is well nigh impossible, aside from the delay. I respectfully recommend that a Montana badge or emblem be selected; that they be procured in advance of the National Encampment and that the representatives thereto, or the Department officers attending be prepared to supply attending comrades on arrival. If the emblem or badge selected is somewhat expensive, I have no doubt each attending comrade would be glad to reimburse the Department and retain the badge as a souvenir.

In conclusion, I earnestly urge comrades, especially those who have not done so, to attend a National Encampment. They are love feasts of patriotism, reunion and comradeship.

You will be proud to see your old comrades, to witness the honors so generously given them the generations succeeding us in the activities of life, and it will do your hearts good to be again among so many survivors of that mighty host who in years long gone battled for our glorious Union. They are passing swiftly away. A few more years will end the great parades, even should you survive. Seize the opportunity, you who may, to attend the coming encampment at Milwaukee.

I am, very respectfully in F. C. and L.,

JAMES H. MILLS.

Report of Delegate James H. Mills to the Twenty-second National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, having been read was referred to Comrades Callaway, Sloane, Kennedy, Holmes and Kinsley. Comrade W. F. Sanders presented the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this Encampment receives with thanks the report of James H. Mills, representative to the Twenty-second National Encampment of the G. A. R., and that it approves of his action thereat, particularly his action touching the service pension bill, to be presented to Congress for passage by it as a law of the country, and on motion it was unanimously adopted.

Department Commander announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers and nominations for Department Commander were in order.

Comrade Fuller nominated Comrade Eddy F. Ferris, Post 10; Comrade Sanders nominated James E. Callaway, Post 6; Comrade Holmes nominated D. J. McMillan, Post 4.

Committees were appointed to receive, count and sort votes for the various officers and the following named comrades were elected to the offices named:

For Department Commander, Jas. E. Callaway, Post 6.
Senior Vice Commander, Harry C. Kessler, Post 2.
Junior Vice Commander, Geo. T. Chambers, Post 7.
Medical Director, Winfield S. Norcross, Post 3.
Chaplain, S. E. Snyder, Post 14.

Council of Administration.

John Moffitt, Post 3. N. H. Morley, Post 16.
C. S. Shoemaker, Post 2. John L. Sloane, Post 11.
Geo. F. Cowan, Post 13.

Recess to 7 p. m.

Representatives to the Twenty-third National Encampment, Eddy F. Ferris, Post 10; Vining A. Cook, Post 13.

Alternates, E. A. Kreidler, Post 14; Simon Hauswirth, Post 2.

By an unanimous ballot Livingston was designated as the place for holding the sixth annual encampment.

Report of Special Committee

On reports of Department Commander and delegate to the National Encampment.

To the Department Commander and Encampment:

Your committee to which was referred the reports of the Department Commander and the delegate to the Twenty-second National Encampment, begs leave to report as follows:

In reference to the report of the Department Commander concerning the published roster, your committee would recommend that the Commander of the posts in the department and their Adjutants be instructed to carefully prepare the printed rosters with their respective descriptive rolls and return to the Assistant Adjutant General a corrected roster of their respective posts.

Your committee approves the recommendation for a memorial page in future published reports of the Encampment, and would suggest that it be made the duty of the Assistant Adjutant General to prepare such a page in future printed reports.

The transfer of the fund to provide headquarters at the National Encampment, to purchase a banner for the Department is most heartily approved, as is also the suggestion in regard to the placing of the names thereon of the cities in which the banner is carried at National Encampments.

The recommendation in regard to a form of installation of Department officers is approved, and the committee would recommend that the delegation to the National Convention be instructed to bring the matter to the attention of that body.

The committee heartily endorses the remarks of the Commander in regard to the promptness in Post reports, and would urge upon Post Commanders and Adjutants the importance of the subject concerning the report of Delegate Mills. Your committee approves of his suggestion in regard to a Department badge, and would recommend the appointment of a special committee, consisting of Comrades W. F. Sanders, Geo. W. Shaw, P. R. Dolman, H. A. Smurr, and E. A. Kreidler, to devise a badge for the use of this Encampment at National Encampments; said committee to report at this session of the Department Encampment.

The committee also approves the action of Delegate Mills in regard to pensions in the National Encampment, and would recommend that the delegates to the next National Encampment be instructed to support all measures which favor the enactment of a service pension law by the Congress of the United States.

All of which is most respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

LEVI E. HOLMES,

WILL KENNEDY,

J. W. KINSLEY.

JAS. E. CALLAWAY,

JOHN L. SLOANE,

Comrade W. F. Sanders from the badge committee made a verbal report and asked for further time. On motion the entire question was placed in the hands of the committee, and the committee was granted its own time to complete the work.

Comrade Eaton called up the subject of the Inspector's duties. The subject was discussed by Comrades Eaton, Dolman, and W. F. Sanders, but no action taken.

Comrade Eaton moved that the A. A. General's salary for the coming year be fixed at \$150, and that \$50 be appropriated for the use of the delegate at the National Encampment. Comrade Sloane moved to amend by appropriating \$150 to pay the expenses of the Department Commander in visiting posts. Carried.

Motion of Comrade Eaton as amended was then adopted.

Chief mustering officer J. D. Jenks proceeded to install the Department officers-elect for the ensuing year as follows:

Department Commander, Jas. E. Callaway.

Senior Vice Commander, Harry C. Kessler.

Junior Vice Commander, Geo. T. Chambers.

Medical Director, W. S. Norcross.

Chaplain, Rev S. E. Snyder.

Department Commander then announced his staff officers as follows:

Asst. Adj't. Gen'l. B. F. Osborne, Post 10.

Asst. O. M. Gen'l' Lew Coleman, Post 4.

Inspector, W. A. Kennedy, Post 13.

Judge Advocate, J. W. Kinsley, Post 3.

Chief Mustering Officer, George W. Rightenour, Post 5.

And they were duly installed.

Resolution of Thanks.

The following resolution offered by Comrade Edwards, Post No. 10:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this encampment are hereby tendered Comrade Palmer and the members of Wadsworth Post No. 3, for hospitalities and courtesies extended to the 5th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Offered by Comrade P. R. Dolman, of Post No. 2:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this encampment are hereby tendered Department Commander Junius G. Sanders, Asst. Adj't. Gen'l Jno Moffitt, Asst. O. M. Gen'l A. O. Simons, and all other retiring officers for the able manner in which they have conducted the affairs of the Department for the past year.

No further business, the encampment was declared duly closed.

General Orders.
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Office of Assistant Adjutant General. }
HELENA, M. T., March 30, 1888.

General Order No. 1.

I. By the suffrages of my comrades of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., assembled in their Fourth Annual Encampment, at Miles City, Montana, on the 21st and 22d inst., I was called to assume the exalted and responsible duties of Department Commander. Fully realizing the obligations thus imposed and deeply mindful that little can be accomplished for the advancement of the Order without the hearty co-operation of every comrade, I confidently invoke their assistance and advice in the administration of the affairs of the Department during the coming year. Let us, one and all, use our best endeavors to make this a memorable year in the history of the Department; let us strive to call back into our ranks those who, by indifference or neglect, have allowed their names to be dropped from our rolls, and let us each and every comrade constitute himself a recruiting officer to fill our rolls with the names of those who, though eligible, are continually postponing the day when they shall enroll themselves in our glorious order.

II. The following officers of the Department, elected at the Fourth Annual Encampment, are announced for the information of all concerned:

Department Commander, Junius G. Sanders, Helena.

Senior Vice Commander, Henry Romeyn, Fort Keogh.

Junior Vice Commander, Vining A. Cook, Boulder.

Medical Director, Egon E. Koerper, Fort Keogh.

Chaplain, Rev. S. A. Wallace, Billings.

Council of Administration—M. C. Wilkinson, Ft. Custer; L. S. Willson, Bozeman; Charles S. Shoemaker, Butte; John L. Sloan, Missoula; A. S. Kellogg, Boulder.

Representatives to the National Encampment—James H. Mills, Deer Lodge; M. P. Wyman, Glendive.

Alternates—Robert E. Fisk, Helena; James E. Callaway, Virginia City.

III. The following appointments upon the staff of the Department Commander are announced:

Asst. Adjt. General, John Moffitt, Helena.

Asst. Quartermaster Gen'l, Archer O. Simons, Helena.

Inspector General, Geo. W. Grant, Livingston.

Judge Advocate General, Jas. E. Callaway, Virginia City.

Chief Mustering Officer, J. D. Jenks, Butte.

Asst. Mustering Officer, I. D. Moore, Sheridan.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
OFFICE OF ASST. ADJT. GEN'L.
HELENA, M. T., April 27, 1888.

General Order No. 2.

The following named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camps on the staff of the Department Commander:

Erastus M. Walker, John Buford Post No. 1, Ft. Custer.

John B. Scott, Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte.

Patrick Fox, Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte.

John P. Donaldson, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

B. F. Martz, Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge.

G. W. Rightnour, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

James B. Howe, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia.

John Skillin, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Fred Hopp, Steedman Post No. 8, Dillon.

John H. Axtell, Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Geo. W. Flanders, Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

James Young, Fred Winsbrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Wilbur Coleman, Thos. L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive.

S. S. Harper, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

N. Borchardt, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.

Frank R. St. John, John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

William Deal, John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

Augustus Short, Geo. G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
OFFICE OF ASST. ADJT. GEN'L.
HELENA, M. T., April 27, 1888.

Circular No. 1.

The last Department Encampment having directed the publication in pamphlet form the proceedings of the four first encampments, together with roster of each Post in the Department, Commanders of Posts, who have not already done so, are directed to forward to this office as early as practicable a complete revised roster of their respective posts. The roster of names should be arranged in alphabetical order, and so far as is practicable, should give the full name of each member, rank and command in which he served, present postoffice address, and if he has been transferred or discharged, or if he has died while a member of the Post this fact should be noted. It should also contain the names of all Past Post Commanders, and the present officers of the Post.

Great care should be exercised in arranging these rosters, as they will not only constitute an official record of each Post,

several posts of this Department will make such arrangements for the proper observance of the day as to them shall seem appropriate. By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

John Moffitt, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic, }
Office of Assistant Adjutant General, }
HELENA, Montana, July 30, 1888.

Circular No. 2.

The following is published for the information of comrades in this Department who expect to attend the forthcoming encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic:

1st. The National Encampment will meet at Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, September 12th, 1888.

2d. The grand parade will take place on September 11, 1888, and all comrades in attendance are requested to report on the morning of that day equipped for the parade.

3d. Montana headquarters at Columbus will be established in the State Capitol building, and comrades from this Department are requested to call and register their names upon arrival.

4th. The Commander-in-chief, having extended an invitation to the delegates and comrades from Montana to join him at Minneapolis and form a part of his escort to Columbus, and his invitation having been accepted, comrades are advised that the Commander-in-chief will leave Minneapolis Saturday evening, September 8th, over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad to Chicago. Thence by the way of the Pan Handle road to Columbus. Ample arrangements will be made to accommodate the delegation from this Department.

5th. The Montana delegation will leave Helena Wednesday evening, September 5th, via Northern Pacific Railroad, and it is hoped that all comrades will arrange to go at that time.

6th. From the best information obtainable at this time, the following will be the rate to Columbus and return: From Montana points to St. Paul and return, one fare for the round trip, tickets limited to Sept. 22d. From St. Paul to Columbus and return, \$14.30; tickets limited to Sept. 19th, 1888.

7th. Saturday, Sept. 8th, 1888, has been designated by the "Minneapolis Industrial Exposition" as "Soldiers' Day," and a special invitation has been extended by the Department of Minnesota to the comrades from Montana, to attend on that day to which the G. A. R. badge will be a full passport. The time designated in this circular for leaving Helena will give ample time to visit the Exposition, and it is hoped that the comrades of this Department will avail themselves of this

opportunity to extend greeting to our comrades of the Department of Minnesota.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Office of Assistant Adjutant General,
HELENA, Montana, August 15, 1888.

Circular No. 3.

The limit on tickets to the National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, has been extended thirty days. Comrades are advised that tickets will be on sale at Helena, Butte and other common points in Montana on the 5th and 6th of September, which tickets will be good for the trip going to Columbus until September 12th and they will be extended for the return trip until October 19th upon application to a designated agent at Columbus, Ohio. With a view to lessening the expense of the trip to those who desire a Pullman, it is proposed to charter at least one car for the Montana delegation to run through to Columbus and remain there during the encampment if desired. For this purpose Post Commanders are requested to at once make a thorough canvass of their Posts and report to these headquarters not later than August 25th.

First The names of comrades who will attend the encampment from their locality. Second. The names of comrades and their families who desire a Pullman, stating whether they wish a berth or section, and remitting to the Assistant Adjutant General the sum of \$10 for each berth so taken. No berth will be considered engaged unless this sum is paid. It is desirable that these reports should be sent in at the earliest practicable moment.

The Montana delegation will leave Helena on the regular east-bound train on the evening of September 5th, and persons from points further west should so arrange their departure as to connect with this train. Comrades who expect to accompany the Commander-in-chief to Columbus should see to it that their tickets are via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Pan Handle roads.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Office of Assistant Adjutant General,
Helena, M. T., Dec. 1, 1888.

General Order No. 4.

I. The annual election of Post officers will be held in

accordance with the rules and regulations at the first stated meeting in December. The Department Commander admonishes every comrade that great care should be exercised in the selection of Post officers, as the character of a Post is to a very great extent known by the officers it selects to preside over its affairs, and upon the officers depend the success of the Post. The rank badge upon the breast of a comrade should be a decoration for valiant service rendered in the interest of our Order and should be conferred upon those only who are worthy of this distinction.

II. The newly elected officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the Post in January, 1889, the senior Past Post Commanders present acting as installing officers.

III. At the same meeting each Post will select representatives and alternates to the Fifth Annual Department Encampment to be held at Helena in the month of April, 1889. The basis of representation is fixed by resolution adopted at the Third Annual Encampment, and is here published for the information of all concerned.

“RESOLVED, That each Post in good standing shall be entitled to two representatives, to be elected according to the rules and regulations governing the G. A. R., and an additional representative in the ratio of one for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than half that number.”

IV. Post Commanders are directed to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General, immediately after the election, the names of the Post officers-elect, and also of the representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment (blanks enclosed), and to avoid confusion at the Department Encampment, each representative and alternate should be furnished with a certificate of his election, signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adj. Gen'l.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic, }
OFFICE OF ASST. ADJT. GEN'L.
HELENA, M. T., Dec. 10, 1888.

General Order No. 5.

I. The annual inspection of Posts of this Department is hereby ordered to be made at once under the direction of Comrade Geo. W. Grant, Department Inspector.

II. Inspections must conform to Chapter 5, Article V. of the Rules and Regulations and the forms prescribed by the Inspector General, and should disclose the standing of the Posts at the close of the quarter ending December 31, 1888. So far as is practicable, inspections should be made at a regu-

lar meeting, but Post Commanders are directed to call a special meeting for that purpose when requested so to do, and they should endeavor to have a full attendance of the comrades on that occasion.

III. In addition to the information sought to be obtained by the forms prescribed by the Inspector General, Inspectors will ascertain and report upon the following facts:

1st. Are the officers prompt in attendance and efficient in their duties?

2d. What is the discipline and decorum of the posts when in session?

3d. Is the ritualistic and unwritten work correctly given in the muster-in service?

4th. Is a descriptive book properly kept by the Post?

5th. What is the condition of the records of proceedings, Quartermaster's accounts, files of orders, &c.?

6th. What number of comrades have been suspended and dropped during the year?

7th. Does the records of proceedings show that they have been so suspended or dropped by a vote of the Post?

8th. How many comrades or ex-soldiers or sailors are receiving aid from charitable institutions, other than the Grand Army of the Republic?

9th. How many are receiving assistance from the Post?

IV. So far as is practicable the inspection shall be made by the Department inspector personally, but in special cases he may nominate to these headquarters the names of comrades whom he desires to act as Assistant Inspectors, designating the particular Post to which they are to be assigned, and they will be appointed and assigned accordingly.

V. Assistant Inspectors upon receiving their appointment and instructions will proceed at once to the inspection of the Posts assigned them, and will make report thereon without delay to the Department Inspector.

VI. It is desirable that this inspection should be made as thorough and complete as possible, and to this end, Commanders of Posts and subordinate officers are requested to lend to the Inspector every assistance possible.

By command of **JUNIUS G. SANDERS,**
Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.

Attest: G. W. GRANT, Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic, }
OFFICE OF ASST. ADJT. GEN'L, }
Helena, Mont., Jan. 10, 1889.

General Order No. 6.

I. Senior Vice Commander Henry Romeyn and Medical

Director Egon E. Koerper having removed from this Department; and withdrawn from their respective Posts therein, these offices have thereby become vacant

II. The Council of Administration have duly elected the following named comrades to fill the vacancies thus existing, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Senior Vice Commander—Comrade E. A. Kreidler, of U. S. Grant Post No. 14. Medical Director—R. M. Whitefoot, of Wm. English Post No. 10.

III. The resignation of Comrade M. C. Wilkinson, as a member of the Council of Administration, having been accepted, Comrade James R. Goss, of John A. Logan Post No. 15, has been duly elected to fill the vacancy thus existing.

IV. Comrade N. Borchardt, Aide-de-Camp, is hereby detailed to install Comrade E. A. Kreidler as Senior Vice Commander of this Department at the next regular meeting of U. S. Grant Post No. 14, after the receipt of this order, and Comrade John S. Axtell, Aide de-Camp, is hereby detailed to install Comrade R. M. Whitefoot as Medical Director of this Department at the next regular meeting of Wm. English Post No. 10, after the receipt of this order. They will make report thereof to these headquarters.

V. Blank requisitions for Post supplies, with schedule of prices, will be furnished upon application to the Assistant Quartermaster General, but hereafter no supplies will be issued to any Post except the requisite amount of money accompanies the order.

VI. The revised ritual adopted by the Twenty-second National Encampment, now being distributed, will at once be adopted by the Posts of this Department, and all old rituals should be immediately returned to the Assistant Quartermaster General. Posts will be charged with all new rituals issued to them in excess of old ones not returned.

VII. The Certificate of Membership of the Grand Army of the Republic adopted by the Twenty-second National Encampment, can be obtained as other supplies, from the Assistant Quartermaster General. The price fixed is 40 cents per copy to each Post. These certificates are copyrighted by the Grand Army of the Republic, are beautifully embellished with battle scenes and the portraits of Lincoln and Grant. They are furnished signed by the Department Commander, and the Assistant Adjutant General, and with the signatures of the Post Commander and Adjutant, become a certificate of membership in the Order. They will be an ornament and pride to any home, representing, as they do, the devotion and loyalty of the soldier to his country.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
Office of Assistant Adjutant General. }
HELENA, Montana, February 20, 1889.

General Orders No. 7.

I. The Fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will assemble at Helena, 12 o'clock M., April 9, 1889

II. This encampment will consist of: First. The Department officers for the time being. Second. All past Department and Post Commanders who shall have served the period for which they were elected and now remain in good standing in their respective Posts. Third. All Post Commanders for the time being throughout this Department. Fourth. The duly accredited representatives from each Post in the ratio, as fixed by the Third Annual Encampment and published in General Orders No. 3, C S, from these headquarters.

III. In the absence of any Post Commander, the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent the Post, and in the absence of any representative, his alternate shall be entitled to cast his vote for the Encampment.

IV. Department officers and members of the Staff, whose duty it is to make reports to the Encampment, are requested to file copies of their reports with the Assistant Adjutant General on or before April 1st, 1889.

V. It is important that the quarterly reports of each Post for the quarter ending March 31, 1889, should be transmitted promptly to the Assistant Adjutant General, and to this end Post Commanders are directed to see that these reports are transmitted immediately after the last meeting of their respective Posts in March.

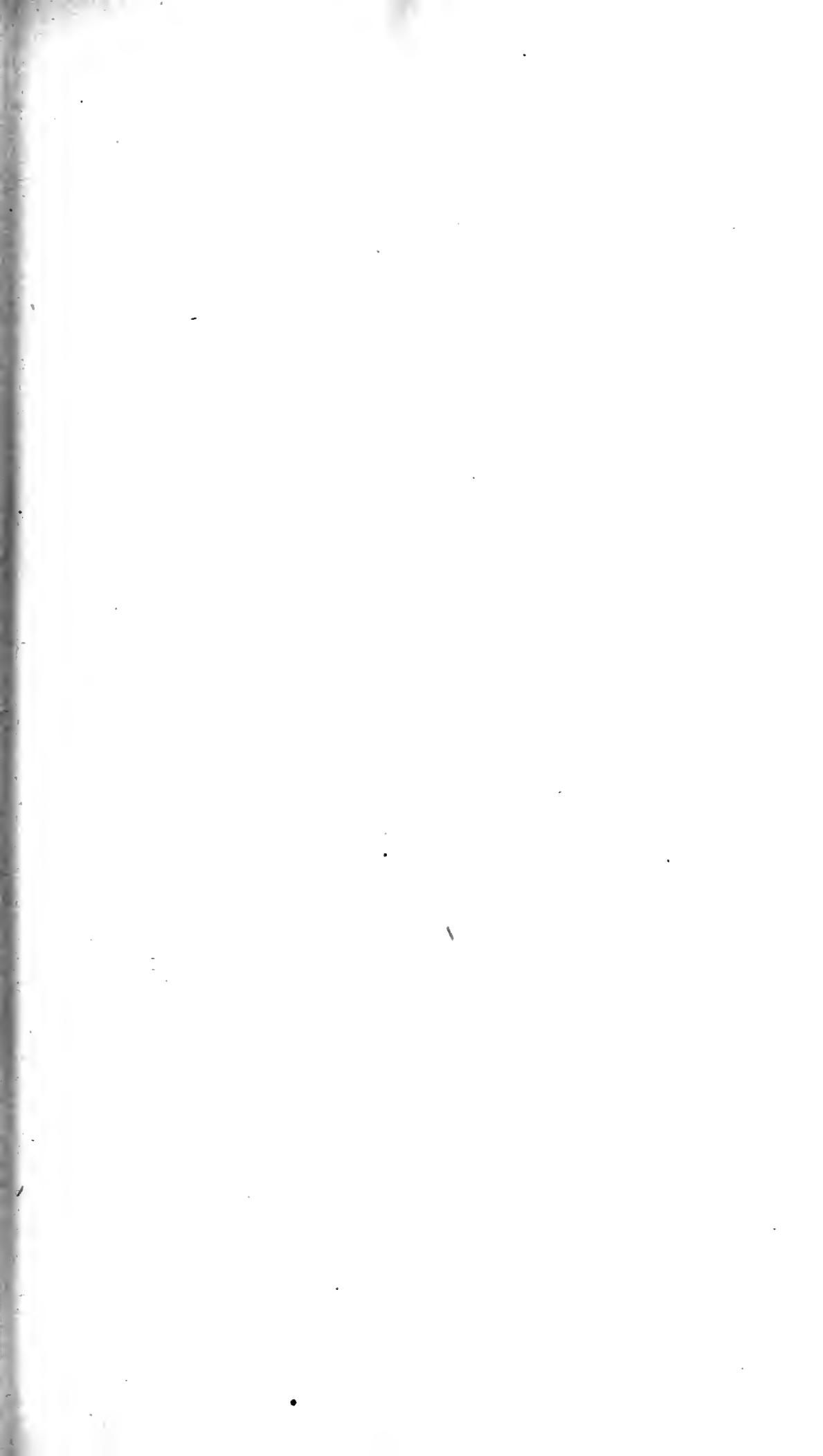
VI. A cordial invitation is extended to all comrades to be present at the Encampment.

By command of

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Department Commander.

JOHN MOFFITT, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l.



DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA.

Grand Army of the Republic.

SESSION 1890.

Proceedings of the 6th Annual Encampment, Department
of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.



The 6th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, was called to order at 12 m. by Jas E. Callaway, Commander of the Department.

In the absence of Comrade B. F. Osborn, Assist. Adj't. General, Comrade E. C. Culver, of John A. Logan Post, No. 15, was appointed Acting A. A. Gen'l. pro tem, and comrade L. Whitney, of the same Post as Assistant.

Comrades H. S. Howell, Wm. Harmon, P. R. Dolman, Rob't. E. Fisk, and John C. Duff were appointed committee on credentials.

Recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Encampment called to order at 2:35 p. m., Commander Callaway in the chair.

Committee on credentials presented their report and motion made and seconded for its adoption.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

We, your Committee on Credentials, respectfully submit the following list of comrades who are entitled to a vote in this Encampment:

Department Commander, Jas. E. Callaway.

Sen. Vice Commander, H. C. Kessler.

Jnn. Vice Commander, Geo. F. Chambers.

Medical Directory, W. S. Norcross.

Chaplain, S. E. Snyder.

Assist. Adj't. Gen'l., Benj. F. Osborn.

Assist. Q. M. Gen'l., Lew Coleman.

Assist. Inspector Gen'l., Wm. F. Wheeler.

Judge Advocate, J. W. Kinsley.

Chief Mustering Officer, J. L. Sloane.

Assist. Mustering Officer, G. W. Rightenour.

Council of Administration, John Moffitt, C. S. Shoemaker, Geo. F. Cowan, N. H. Morley, and John L. Sloane.

Past Department Commanders

T. P. Fuller, C. S. Warren, E. C. Waters, and J. G. Sanders.

Past Post Commanders.

J. H. Macomber, Curtis E. Price, F. K. Upham, S. K. Fishel, P. R. Dolman, C. S. Warren, C. S. Shoemaker, J. D.

Jenks, H. C. Kessler, L. E. Holmes, Thos. P. Fuller, Rob't. C. Wallace, J. G. Sanders, Geo. W. Shaw, Rob't. F. Fisk, Jas. H. Mills, D. J. McMillan, H. H. Zenor, Lew Coleman, H. A. Smurr, Geo. W. Rightenour, E. S. Dickenson, O. F. Parmeter, J. D. Moore, J. E. Callaway, H. N. Blake, Eugene Stark, Stephen Gainan, T. P. Cox, Pierce Hoopes, Geo. F. Chambers, Geo. W. Grant, John Skillin, F. W. Wright, Otho Klemm, E. F. Ferris, J. M. Lindley, B. F. Osborn, W. Y. Smith, Roger Edwards, J. L. Sloane, C. W. Lombard, W. J. Livingston, Henry C. Tuttle, Will Kennedy, A. S. Kellogg, V. A. Cook, Geo. Ten Eyck, E. A. Kreidler, R. C. Webster, Henry Romeyn, ——— Reinhardt, Lucius Whitney, T. C. Davidson, Austin B. Gates, D. C. McGill, S. S. Harper.

Post Commanders.

Christian Hansen, No. 1; John Railey, No. 2; H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, No. 3; B. F. Martz, No. 4; Geo. W. Rightenour, No. 5; John H. Davis, No. 6; F. W. Wright, No. 7; David Lamont, No. 8; L. S. Willson, No. 10; Eli Fisher, No. 11; Norris S. Bennett, No. 12; Geo. F. Cowan, No. 13; E. A. Carpenter, No. 14; M. G. Maius, No. 15; J. S. Wisner, No. 16; Chas. Taylor, No. 18; Benson H. Bowman, No. 19; John C. Duff, No. 20.

BUFORD POST No. 1.

Delegates:—Richard Cummings, James Birch. Alternates:—Benj. Holmes, F. J. Barnes.

LINCOLN POST No. 2

Delegates:—J. B. Scott, J. J. York, R. G. Hustin. Alternates:—J. H. Jackson, J. E. Neal, J. J. Morrell.

WADSWORTH POST No. 3.

Delegates:—F. P. Sterling, Richard Hoback, H. C. Yeager, C. B. Newberry, Thos. C. Grey. Alternates:—D. S. Silliman, J. C. Cramer, John Moffitt, J. N. Spencer, John O'Conner.

GEO. H. THOMAS POST NO. 4.

Delegates:—H. H. Zenor, D. J. McMillan. Alternates:—E. P. Mills.

CUSTER POST NO. 5.

Delegates:—O. F. Parmeter, H. D. Rossiter. Alternates:—Andrew H. Clark, Riley Thompson.

FRANK PLAIR POST NO. 6.

Delegates:—H. S. Howell, C. N. Sprague. Alternates:—Jas. B. Howe, H. Schmaulhausen.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.

Delegates:—H. J. Hoppe, W. T. Collins. Alternates:—N. Ebert, Louis Savoy.

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.

Delegates:—David Lamont, Otho Klemm. Alternates:—Jas. B. Townsend, Chas. Blivens.

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

Delegates:—Joseph McElroy, Geo. O. Eaton, Chas. E. Lancaster. Alternates:—Henry Schabarker, Jas. W. Mardis, J. H. Nixon.

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

Delegates:—Ferd Kennett, Eli Fisher. Alternates:—Thos. McClung, W. E. Bancroft.

THOS. L. KANE POST NO. 12.

Delegates:—M. T. Wyman, Jas. McCormick. Alternates:—

J. B. MCPHERSON POST NO. 13.

Delegates:—Josiah Bayse, M. N. Weber. Alternates:—

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 14.

Delegates.—Wm. Harmon, John Tulley. Alternates:—J. W. Johnston, C. A. Allen.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 15

Delegates:—A. P. Hart, M. G. Mains. Alternates:—Stephen Wallace, James R. Goss.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

Delegates:—W. W. Turney, M. B. Spier. Alternates:—Eber Golden, John Connovan.

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.

Delegates:—Samuel Dean, F. Geo. Heldt. Alternates:—G. H. Armstrong, W. S. Wetzel.

JAS. A. SHIELDS POST NO. 19.

Delegates:—T. E. Frost, Rob't. Gudgell. Alternates:—R. W. Noble, Lewis Smith.

G. K. WARREN POST NO. 20.

Delegates:—Geo. W. Grant, Robert Culbertson. Alternates:—R. W. Noble, J. F. Murphy.

The committee on credentials further report as follows: In the matter of Wm. English Post No. 10, the committee is unanimously of the opinion that said Post is entitled to three delegates—we find four comrades were present holding regular credentials—to-wit: Joseph A. McElroy, Geo. O. Eaton, Chas. E. Lancaster, and Geo. W. Flanders. We recommend that said delegation arrange among themselves what Comrades shall occupy the three seats to which they are entitled.

H. S. HOWELL, Chairman.

Credentials of Comrade Chas. E. Lancaster, of Wm. English Post No. 10, were presented and an amendment was offered that his name be added to the report of the committee on credentials, as delegate from said Post. On inquiry, it appeared that Wm. English Post No. 10, was entitled to three delegates, but credentials were presented showing that four were elected; the amendment was withdrawn, and, on motion, the report of the committee on credentials was referred to them, with instructions to reconsider the same.

Recess for 15 minutes.

Encampment called to order, and further report of the committee on credentials presented, and on motion, the report was adopted, and Comrade G. W. Flanders, of Wm. English Post No. 10, withdrew his name as delegate from said Post, in favor of Comrade Chas. E. Lancaster, and on motion, Comrade Lancaster was admitted as delegate.

The Sons of Veterans entered the hall, were cordially greeted by Commander Callaway, and were seated, and by order of the Commander, the doors were opened to the public till further orders.

Report of the council of Administration submitted, read by the Act. A. A. Gen'l., received and further consideration deferred.

Report of Assist. Adj't. Gen'l. submitted, read and on motion, received and placed on file.

Report of Assist. Q. M. Gen'l. presented, and on motion, received and placed on file.

Report of Inspector Gen'l. submitted and referred to special committee of Comrades Sterling, Willson and Hoopes, for consideration and report to this Encampment.

Report of Comrade Vining A. Cook, Delegate to National Encampment, submitted, read and placed on file.

Verbal report made by Chaplain. Motion carried that the report be requested in writing and placed on file.

Supplementary report of Assist. Inspector Gen'l. submitted, read and ordered referred to committee on original report.

Comrade Grant, of Farragut Post No. 7, called to the chair and Encampment addressed by Commander Callaway, giving review of proceedings of the Department for last year, prospects for the future, and retiring from position of Commander at close of term.

Address referred to Special Committee appointed by the chair, consisting of Comrades G. O. Eaton, F. P. Sterling, W. T. Collins, P. R. Dolman, M. P. Wyman,

Commanders Address.

Comrades:—Nearing the sun-set of the Nineteenth Century, on this, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Appomattox, we have gathered at our Sixth Annual Encampment.

Representing every section of a mighty commonwealth, as vast as the three great States of Kentucky, Illinois and Iowa combined, greater yet, than the Empires of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio; coming from the Eastern and Western water-sheds of the continent, and standing to-day at the very feet of the grand Rocky Mountains, on the sunrise side of America's ridge-pole, in this natal year of our Statehood we send greeting to every veteran who fought in the war, waged for the preservation of the Union.

Alike, to the Blue, and to the Grey; to the Grey, not for his cause, but for his material valor and heroic devotion to a bad cause: "Enemies in war, at peace, friends" and brothers—then aliens, now friends and citizens of one country under one flag, peace and grace be with you. To the Blue who with us fought "that Liberty should not perish from the face of the Earth," with moistened eyes growing old and dim, and hearts throbbing with patriotic fervor, that none but an old soldier can appreciate, nor yet understand, with bared and bowed heads, we extend and grasp the right hand with the salutation: "Noble heroes; devoted patriots."

While the shadows lengthen, and, as the good old Vicar of Wakefield said to his son: "I pray that all your lines may fall in pleasant places," as one of the good old writers in the good book wrote: "May all your ways, be ways of pleasantness, and all your paths be peace."

Four Problems.

Looking down the history of a little over a century's

growth and progress of our country, from the heights we have attained, we find there have been four great problems solved in the cause of free government. In the words of one of immortal fame: A "government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

When the country which is now our pride, was in embryo, our grand-fathers, unaccustomed for war, unprepared to defend their hearthstones from invasion, I may say, unclothed and unclothed, fought, conquered and wrested from an Empire which arrogantly boasts that from Cressy till to-day, her colors have never been lowered—the liberty which we enjoy and cherish. But she—the mother of the Nation, of which I have the exalted honor to-day of addressing the sons of those great grandsires, who brought it into existence—She—the much lauded "Mistress of the Seas," and whose proudest claim was that the sun never set upon her dominions and the beat of her drums never ceased to roll around the earth, was compelled by the heroic valor of the patriots whom you represent, to succumb to the prowess of the progenitors of those who, when treason ran riot in the dark days of '61, and the unity, the integrity, of the government of our fathers was imperiled, flew, as did you and I to the rescue of that nation and its emblems

But the limits of this farewell (as I shall soon retire from duty as your Commander) allows no further time wherein to revert to the events of those great, grand days with which you are familiar through the annals of history. Our nation was born, and the first great problem of a free government was successfully solved.

We, as a nation, were but 26 years of age, when the same arrogant power, with her usual impudence, insisted as a right, to insult our flag, search our ships and impress our seamen. The war of 1812 followed and the British colors were again drooped before the stars and stripes. In 1847 the flag of our fathers was planted in triumph over the halls of the Montezumas, and Mexico laid prostrate at our feet. Thus was it demonstrated that the young Republic could cope successfully with foreign nations, and the second problem was solved. I recall the scenes where glory was thus shed upon our arms, by the valor of our fathers and grandsires, merely to bring to your memories the fact that you have proven yourselves the noble sons of illustrious sires.

But, there came a time of more serious moment to us—we approached the great, the grand, the appalling crisis. The crumbling monuments of dead nations teach us that no government can be perpetuated, nor even long exist, under which public virtue is forgotten, and the principles promulgated in America's great liberty charter are continuously violated and outraged. Comrades, we came near making a fatal mistake—worse than a crime. When Thomas Jefferson had grown

wrinkled and grey in the service of his country, the tottering old man, nearly broken down with the cares of state, went to his Virginia home at Monticello to die, and when he was nearly ready to draw the drapery of his couch around about him, and lie down to pleasant dreams, in the last, long sleep, he looked abroad in the land, and although the windows of light were very dim, he saw that we he had become, not only a section, but a nation of traffickers in human flesh and human blood; and though the daughters of Music were very low and dull, yet he heard the cries and groans of a down trodden and oppressed people, and in the agony of his soul he exclaimed, "I fear and tremble for my country when I remember that God is just."

The war came—a war in its magnitude, its grandeur, its magnificence, the extent of area involved, the character, valor, heroism, devotion, genius, resources, determination, and numbers of the vast armies engaged, the like of which history had never recited, nor had the world ever known.

More than four millions of men in the armies were enlisted and took part in the conflict—four years of war, during which more than two thousand and five hundred battles were fought. Appamattox passed into history, and the armies of Lee, Johnson and Taylor went to their peaceful homes—the great Union armies passed in grand reviews at Washington and Nashville, donned the modest garb of the citizen, and quietly sought the paths of peace. History furnishes nothing that can rise to the dignity of a comparison—nor yet find a parallel. It proves that ours is the best, the strongest, the freest government instituted among men—the great problem was solved.

The war cost the United States, (not counting the cost to the insurgents) more than four thousand million dollars, and at the close of the war, after selling off the millions of war material, our debt remained over two thousand seven hundred millions of dollars. Then and now the faith of the nation is untainted, its honor is unsullied, its credit, the highest and best among the people of the civilized world, and that enormous war debt, which staggers one to enumerate, with taxation so light as scarcely to be felt, or known, will be extinguished, Anno Domini, 1908—the fourth problem is solved and the chapter is ended.

The Grand Army of the Republic.

When the pall of war had been removed from the skies, and the white winged angel of peace appeared, the Union and Confederate soldiers, each respecting the other, disappeared from the theatre of war; aristocrats from the old world and the new, carpers and croakers, who had little confidence in a people's government, drew dark pictures of chaotic confusion that would follow the disbanding of the two armies—used to

war and trained to violence—they would burn our towns, sack our cities, and gloat in anarchy. There were false prophets in those days.

Dr. B. F. Stevenson, who was the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, was a patriot and a philanthropist, also a philosopher and a scientist. He saw that the great majority of the veterans who had served through the war, had enlisted in their young manhood, when in times of peace they would have been laying the foundations for their future business lives. He saw, too, they had given the four golden years of their lives, as a sacrifice on the altar of our common country. Four years—worth more than any ten of after life. These old soldiers, after their discharge, were largely unfitted for the strife in the civic ranks. Most all were poor, many crippled, and thousands with health permanently impaired. He knew, that after the hardships, deprivations, exposures, long periods of hunger, extreme nervous tension, sleepless nights, weary marches, cares and anxieties, and from a scientist's standpoint, foretold the consequences. Heart troubles, "heart-failure,"—now so prevalent among the old veterans, resultant of the soldier life would follow, and our days would average a score of years less than those of our ancestors. The land was full of the orphans and widows of our dead comrades.

The rushing, grasping, grinding, heartless, selfish, money-getting world had left neither niche nor corner for us. As we had saved our country we must now (then) try to save ourselves. Then was instituted the Grand Army of the Republic, and its precepts and purposes were promulgated. They are:

I. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers and sailors and marines, who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.

II. To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

III. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and friendly fidelity to, its Constitution and laws, to discountenance whatever tends to weak loyalty, incites to insurrection, treason, or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men.

Department of Montana.

A little less than six years ago, our first Department Commander, (Comrade T. P. Fuller) and he who has the honor of addressing you, conceived the thought that Montana should be made a separate Department. After some delay, the order giving authority to organize this Department was received.

The Sunday following, Comrade Fuller and your humble servant, and Comrade John Moffitt, met at Fuller's office, in Helena. Comrade Moffitt was present but took no part in the proceedings. Comrade Fuller had been appointed Provisional Commander. We elected Comrade J. H. Mills Senior Vice and Comrade H. S. Howell Junior Vice Commanders; Comrade Moffitt was appointed Assistant Adjutant General. Thus we started the organization. We then had in Montana ten Posts—now we have twenty, with two numbers blank. Early in June of last year, under the leadership of the then Commander-in-chief (Comrade Wm. Warner, of Kansas City, Mo.,) reinforced by all the Department Commanders of the nation, a vigorous and united move was made to secure uniform and reduced railroad rates, at all points to and from our National Encampment at Milwaukee. In the main we failed; though it is fair to say that many railroad officers of our western roads heartily aided us in the movement; but the great railroad kings seem to have forgotten the fact that our services and sacrifices, and those of our comrades in arms, living and dead, had restored the Union, preserved the nation, established the national credit and made it possible for them to build and to operate their roads in security and peace, and enabled them to float their bonds in the profitable markets of the world. A short day before the meeting of this Encampment, by special order, I appointed a committee each at Butte and Helena, of eminent comrades, through whose good efforts and influences, the rates we have received to this Encampment were secured. Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered those comrades, as they are also tendered to all the railroads of Montana for their courtesies and justice to the old soldier and his friends and guests.

In the month of June a petition was received for a charter to form James A. Shields Post at Lewiston. As Comrade J. C. Major was visiting Lewiston upon other business about that time, and fraternally consented to act, he was appointed Special Mustering Officer to muster and organize that Post. That duty he well performed. In the latter part of August I visited the Posts at Helena, Anaconda, and Great Falls, and on the evening of August 26th I mustered and organized G. K. Warren Post at Fort Benton. Permit me to say, without in the least disparaging any other Post, that G. K. Warren Post is one of which all the comrades should be proud. From extraneous testimony I have learned that it is one of the most active, efficient and patriotic in the service.

Inspections.

Soon after our last Encampment, Comrade Will Kennedy, who was at that time appointed Department Inspector General, was forced, by press of business engagements, to re-

sign. I reluctantly accepted his resignation, and after much urging, Comrade W. F. Wheeler accepted an appointment to fill the vacancy. Our laws give the Department Commander the right to organize his Department into Inspection Districts. The domain of this Department is so vast in area and the Posts so far apart I concluded the only practical plan was to constitute each Post a district for inspection purposes and by special orders appointed one Assistant Department Inspector for each Post. Those comrades, so appointed, thus became officers on the staff of the Department Commander, with the rank of Aides-de-camp.

A resolution passed at our last Encampment, appropriating a sum of money towards paying the expenses of the Department Commander, in visiting the Posts of the Department, carried with the implied obligation that he should perform such duty. Accordingly on the 19th of December, I started on the "grand rounds," with the purpose to visit all the Posts in the Department, (not theretofore visited by me) excepting John Buford Post No. 1, and James A. Shields Post No. 19, regretting that the lines of travel at that season of the year would not justify the diversions. In this attempt I made a signal failure. On the extreme western end of my beat, I was stricken down with a severe attack of the (then) prevailing influenza. From the point of attack I moved easterly about 500 miles, and thence westerly about 250 miles to my "Appomattox," there I unconditionally surrendered to "Gen. La Grippe." This disaster I greatly deplored; not only that the sickness was decidedly disagreeable, but largely because I was compelled to cancel all appointments and abandon further operations. I have the honor and pleasure to report, that the comrades everywhere received me with a royal welcome and gave a soldiers' hearty greeting. Macaulay, in his History of England, in speaking of Oliver Cromwell's old army, after the restoration of Charles the Second, says: "Fifty thousand men, accustomed to the profession of arms, were at once thrown on the world; the experience seemed to warrant the belief that this change would produce much misery and crime, that the discharged veterans would be seen begging in every street, or would be driven by hunger to pillage. But no such result followed. In a few months there remained not a trace indicating that the most formidable army in the world had just been absorbed into the mass of the community. The Royalists themselves confessed that, in every department of honest industry, the discharged warriors prospered beyond other men, that none was charged with any theft or robbery, that none was heard to ask an alms, and that, if a baker, a mason, or a wagoner, attracted notice by his diligence or sobriety, he was, in all probability, one of Oliver's old soldiers." If, instead of fifty thousand, we substitute one million, including both disbanded armies) the situation and results would be parallel.

In the rounds taken I found the veterans cheerful, courageous, industrious and thrifty. With scarcely an exception he is a man of note in his community. "He is one of our best citizens," was nearly in every instance the verdict given me. The answer was, and is: "He should be; the stuff is in him, and it is his duty to himself, to the sacred cause for which he fought, and to his country to-day—history and posterity claims that of him."

All the Posts visited I found in healthy, good working condition, with one exception, and that at a place that can support one of the best and strongest Posts in this Department. In my experience and under my observation in the Grand Army of the Republic, very much depends on the ability and efficiency of Post officers; but on the Post Commander rests the responsibility. If you have a good Post Commander you will have a good Post, but if he is negligent and inefficient, your Post will be careless and shabby, and will not be worth a dollar apiece of Confederate scrip. Could I give it a lower value? It is fair to say, however, that much depends on the preceeding management either for good or for evil. An incident occurred at Missoula, on my trip, that is appropriate here to relate. There I met a distinguished lawyer, whom I had known in my old Kentucky home. His ancestors and mine were proud, aristocratic slave holders. After kindly greetings he asked me this question: "Well, Colonel, are you Grand Army men going to nominate Harrison for another term?" My friend was then in full health, but since, being weary of his journey and taking his burden for a pillow, he is now asleep on the highway to eternity. Kentucky is the land of blue grass, fine horses, and "Colonels,"—my friend, though never in the military service, was also a "Colonel," and rightfully as much entitled to the distinction as dozens of others, so-called "Colonels" in Montana. My answer was: "Colonel, the Grand Army of the Republic is in no sense a political organization; it is purely and only social and charitable in its purposes and in its practices—politics are eschewed—politics do not enter our Post rooms."

Comrades, you know I spoke the truth. It happened that I was in company with a leading Democrat, who is also a Grand Army man, to whom I had to appeal to defend my integrity. While, as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we forbid any participation of Posts or of any organization of the Grand Army in political affairs, we allow to each individual comrade the fullest and freest exercise of his political rights and privileges without let or hindrance. During the last political campaign in Montana, noted for the bitterness and acrimony of the contending parties, no word of censure has involved the Grand Army; as an organization, or society, it stood aloof from the last contest; a contest that added nothing of glory, but only that of shame to the contestants.

Our objects are higher and better than mere personal aggrandizement or ephemeral political triumphs.

I have but few suggestions or recommendations to make. I would most earnestly urge a more efficient system for the government of our society. The reports of all officers in the line of duty should be more promptly made at the close of each and every quarter. This is imperatively necessary. The Adjutants should report promptly to the Department Adjutant General; the Post Quartermaster should report to the Quartermaster General; the Assistant Department Inspectors to the Department Inspector General. The Post Chaplain should report to the Department Chaplain, the services at his Post at the burial of a comrade or of an old soldier; and especially, promptly after each Memorial Day, what action was taken by his Post in the observance of that day. The Post Surgeon should report to the Department Medical Director the condition of the health of his Post, and call attention to any case of general interest or requiring special attention. All such reports should be filed and preserved among the archives of our Order. While I am not in an attitude to recommend it, nor yet to reject, the proposition has been suggested that the By-Laws be amended so as to require only one Post meeting each quarter—subject to the clearest authority of the Post Commander to call meetings whenever, in his wisdom, the good of the Order would thereby be promoted, and that all such quarterly meetings be called “Inspection Meetings,” and at each of such “Inspection Meetings” a thorough inspection of the Post be made; and, also, at such meetings, a Camp-Fire be held wherever practicable. It is contended that the burdens would thus be lessened with an increase of interest and attendance. At the instance of Comrades I submit the thought for your consideration: I earnestly recommend that some general rule be made as to uniform and equipments. Uniforms are cheap and the clothing is well worth what it costs; Comrades can procure side arms at small cost. Some Posts have recommended a return to the old ritual, especially in the opening and closing, and in the mustering service. Many comrades have suggested and warmly advocated that our next Annual Encampment be held at some suitable and central point in the Department, and such Encampment be made a re-union of all old soldiers in the Department, whether Grand Army men or not. It certainly would be promotive of good. There are a number of places in Montana where Grand Army Posts should be organized and maintained—notably Red Lodge, Pony, Phillipsburg, Grantsville; and when the aims and necessities of such organizations are known, no worthy veteran will long remain a “straggler.” It should not be forgotten that the Grand Army is obligated to care for all old soldiers, their widows and orphans. Our charities are not confined to member of the Order, and the old soldier can the better be

protected in our own lines—we have no neutral ground.

Sons of Veterans.

When the clock shall strike the hour that will announce the half century from Appomattox—one quarter of a century from to-day, and about this hour of the day—the Grand Army, as an organization, will have passed into history, and our mantles will have fallen upon the Sons of Veterans. I have the most abiding faith they will worthily wear their honors and discharge every duty. The Order of “Sons of Veterans” should receive the fostering care, confidence and inspiration of every veteran. They will soon have the cares of state; they will till the soil, ring the anvil, control our great corporations, operate our steamship lines, make and administer the laws, and largely control the destinies of the world. They are now just at the threshold of a noble manhood, and just forming the skirmish lines of life’s great battle-ground. We rely upon their courage, integrity, intelligence and patriotism. Let them ever keep in view one great truth—their fathers are or were men of iron wills, strong hearts and intense thinkers; but above all, higher, grander, and yet more sublime, the old soldier is intensely patriotic; he loves the flag of his fathers as he does his own household, and cherishes the principles of the Declaration of Independence and our National Constitution above any price. No matter what political party may hold power under that Constitution, it will receive the loyal support of the Grand Army of the Republic. We believe that the folds of the Stars and Stripes should cover and protect every citizen of the United States in all of his civil and political rights, no matter where he may be, on land, or at sea; no matter what may be his political complexion.

The span of life of the smallest insect would note the length of time while I will have the honor to remain your commandant. For the honors you have conferred, with a heartfelt emotion I thank you; the cares and burdens of responsibility I will gladly place upon the shoulders of another; you can scarcely make a mistake in my successor. For the many courtesies and marks of respect shown at all times and in all places; for the generous support of all the comrades, I am profoundly grateful. To the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders I am under many obligations. My thanks are due to each and every member of the staff for kindly support, promptness and fidelity in duty, and I crave the indulgence of all when I say, without any invidious distinction, my thanks are especially tendered and gratefully given to Comrades B. F. Osborn, Lew Coleman, and Wm. F. Wheeler, for the faithful, able and prompt manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices, but tenderer and kinder yet for the uniform consideration and aid they have given me,

in my feeble attempt to discharge the duties of Department Commander.

Comrades: I am now about to close the curtain, and join your ranks. Let us dress up the lines a little straighter, and touch elbows without reaching out to find the whereabouts of our neighboring comrades; weld stronger the social bands; aid all needy and distressed soldiers and sailors, and the widows and orphans of our late comrades. In all things connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, exercise a spirit of fraternity and charity towards all our comrades, and ever, to the best of our ability, defend the Union of the United States of America, honor its Constitution, obey the laws of the land, encourage, honor and purity in public affairs, and in a spirit of loyalty protect the flag of our country as the emblem of equal rights, and national unity.

Report of Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 LIVINGSTON, Montana, April 9, 1890. }

James E. Callaway, Department Commander.

COMRADE:—I have the honor to herewith submit, through you, to the Department, this, my report, for the past year.

On December 31, 1888, there were, in good standing, 15 Posts and 567 members. On December 31, 1889, there were 18 Posts and 674 members, showing a net gain of 3 Posts and 107 members. There have been, during the year past, the following musters of Posts: Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls; James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewiston; G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton.

Membership in good standing Dec. 31, 1888, 567

Gains:

By muster-in,	-	-	-	-	156
By transfer,	-	-	-	-	17
By reinstatement,	-	-	-	-	9
Total gains,	-	-	-	-	182

Aggregate,	-	-	-	-	749
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Losses:

By death,	-	-	-	-	5
By honorable discharge,	-	-	-	-	7
By transfer,	-	-	-	-	17
By suspension,	-	-	-	-	46
Total loss,	-	-	-	-	75

Number remaining in good standing,	-	674
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Net gain during the year,	-	107
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Contrary to General Orders No. 2, Section 3, from Department headquarters, requiring Post Quartermasters to re-

port direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General, I have received during the year from some of the Posts their per capita tax, payable in money orders to myself, and having received funds from other sources, and expended the same, I make the following financial statement:

Received from John Moffitt, Past A. A. Gen'l,	\$151.55
“ Per Capita Tax,	61.75
“ Charter Fee,	10.00
Total,	\$203.30
Expended as per receipts shown,	\$157.13
Balance on hand,	46.17

There has been expended, during the year, for the relief of comrades and their families, \$169 50, as per Adj't's reports.

In conclusion, allow me to thank you for the honor you conferred by appointing me your Adjutant, and to express regrets that our official relations, which have been only of the most pleasant, are so soon to be severed.

If, in the discharge of my official duties, I have proven myself worthy of your confidence, and if I have succeeded in gaining the esteem of my comrades, then shall I indeed, feel well rewarded. Respectfully, in F. C. and L.,

BENJ. F. OSBORN, A. A. General.

Quartermaster's Report.

DEER LODGE, MONT., April 8, 1890.

Col James E. Callaway, Department Commander.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the receipts and disbursements as A. Q. M. G. for the year ending April 9, 1890:

Receipts.

April 1889.	From Past A. Q. M. General, A. O. Simons,	\$303.03
	From per capita tax,	572.75
	From sale of supplies,	201.03

Disbursements.

April, 1889.	Paid exp. charges on supplies, Helena to Deer Lodge,	\$ 1.65
	Paid Jno Taylor, Q.M.G., for supplies,	7.80
	“ Fisk Bros. balance on printing,	70.00
	“ Jno Taylor, Q. M. G., supplies,	61.13
	“ V. A. Cook, ex. to Ntl Enem't	50.00
	“ J.E. Callaway exp as Dept. Comd'r,	100.00
	“ New North-West, printing blank requisitions,	10.00
	“ Jno Taylor, Q. M. G., supplies,	27.58
	“ Dept Comdr per capita tax due	

April, 1889.	National Department,	-	-	12.04
	Paid Jno Taylor, Q. M. G., supplies,			23.32
	" L. E. Holmes, Post Q. M., being			
	amount over-paid on account,			4.80
	" Jno Taylor, Q. M. G., supplies,			9.60
	" Postage, use this office,	-	-	3.18
	" A. B. Kiser, printing for Dept Com.			33 00
	" W. F. Wheeler, Assistant Inspe-			
	ctor General, postage,	-	-	2.00
	" Block Pub. Co., Dept badges,			25.75
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				\$1076.81
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	Balance on hand,	-		\$634.96
Respectfully submitted,				

LEW. COLEMAN, A. Q. M. G.

Inspector General's Report.

HELENA, MONT., March 26, 1890.

Benj. F. Osborn, Asst. Adjt. General, Dept. of Montana, G. A. R.:

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit my report as Inspector of this Department for the year 1889.

No funds having been appropriated to pay the necessary travelling expenses of the Inspector General, to enable him to visit the several Posts, the Department Commander adopted the plan of appointing Assistant inspectors for each Post, on the recommendation of the Post Commander. Reports have been received from the Assistant Inspectors of the following Posts: John Buford No. 1, Fort Custer; Lincoln No. 2, Butte; Wadsworth No. 3, Helena; George H. Thomas No. 4, Deer Lodge; Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan; Frank Blair No. 6, Virginia City; Farragut No. 7, Livingston; Steadman No. 8, Dillon; Wm. English No. 10, Bozeman; Fred Winthrop No. 11, Missoula; J. B. McPherson No. 13, Boulder; U. S. Grant No. 14, Miles City; John A. Logan No. 15, Billings; George G. Meade No. 16, Anaconda; Sheridan No. 18, Great Falls; James A. Shields No. 19, Lewiston; and G. K. Warren No. 20, Fort Benton.

It will be seen that Posts No. 9, (name not given) at Willis; No. 12, Thos. L. Kane Post, at Glendive, and No. 17, Thomas F. Meagher, at White Sulphur Springs, have no report and I hear they have been discontinued. Assistant Inspector, O. W. Kelly, reports that the Post Commander of James A. Shields Post No. 19, neglected to call the members of the Post together for inspection, although requested by him to do so, and hence it was not inspected. He also says its affairs are very loosely conducted. I have to say that several of the Assistant Inspectors were very dilatory in forwarding their reports to this office. This is partly attributable to sickness in three cases, and to the difficulty in some Posts, of gathering the scattered members together in the winter season, so as to

make a respectable attendance at Inspection. In some instances I had to write as many as three times before reports were forwarded. The Inspector General can not be held at all responsible for this state of affairs, as he has to depend entirely upon the Assistant Inspectors for inspecting the Posts, which he can not visit for want of funds to pay his travelling expenses, and his duty becomes merely that of a clerk, to compile the reports received into a general report. I would most earnestly recommend that one hundred, or one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the expenses of the Department Inspector, and that he be required to visit and inspect each Post, if possible, during the last quarter before the annual meeting of the Department Encampment. This would insure a greater degree of uniformity in knowledge of the ritual, efficiency in the use, and better discipline within the several Posts.

I am glad to say that the reports from Assistant Inspectors generally show a favorable condition of affairs, except in three or four instances, where members live widely scattered from their Posts; yet, in these cases, dues are generally promptly paid, or they are reported to be, in almost every case. I consider the following remarks, appended by Comrade Christian Hanson, Assistant Inspector of John Buford Post No. 1, of sufficient importance to include them in this report for the information and action of the Department Encampment. If his statement is true that dropped or suspended comrades, after leaving the vicinity of their Posts, fraudulently join other Posts of the G. A. R., I would freely concur in the remedy he suggests in the closing paragraph of his remarks. The following is his statement:

“The attention of the Department Inspector is respectfully invited to the fact that the records of this Post show a considerable number of members suspended, and in due course dropped, for arrears of dues, during the last four years. Some of these changed residence without leaving any trace of their whereabouts, consequently no notification of arrears could reach them. The majority left with address of new residence known, but notification of arrears, promptly sent them, were treated with contempt, by never returning any response whatever. It is quite certain that a number of these dropped members are now to be found in the ranks of the G. A. R., having joined other Posts fraudulently, (expecting, of course, never again to meet any of their former comrades of this Post) and as it is useless to have Rules and Regulations if not carried out, some way ought to be found by which such frauds could be exposed. The most effective way, in my opinion, would be the publication in General Orders from National Headquarters, of dropped members, giving their name, company, regiment, &c., thereby preventing Posts from being recruited by that kind of imposters.”

With one or two exceptions, none of our Posts keep register books, nor do they require their members or visitors to sign any. Heretofore this has not been required, and they have never furnished themselves register books. I would respectfully recommend that each Post be required to keep such a registry, and that the books be furnished by the Department Commander, or Quartermaster, to each Post, so as to insure uniformity in the books themselves as well as in the manner of making entries or of registering therein.

The form of report sent from Department Headquarters does not require any statement in regard to the number of members in or belonging to Posts, or the amount of funds owned by a Post. I presume these statistics will be reported by Post Adjutants and Quartermasters. I think they should be included in Inspectors' reports.

Believing that an official statement from the Chief of the Montana Division of the Sons of Veterans, and from the President of the Woman's Relief Corps, would be in order, they being auxillary to the Grand Army of the Republic, I applied to the heads of their organizations here and have received the following interesting and courteous replies, which I append to my report for the information of the Department Encampment, and of our comrades generally.

In F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM F. WHEELER,

Inspector General.

Sons of Veterans.

Comrade W F Wheeler, Inspector Gen'l. Dept. of Montana, G. A. R.:

COMRADE:—In answer to your request for information regarding this Division, I have the honor to make the following statement: This Division, which includes Idaho, has eight Camps and about two hundred and eighty members. Our Camps are situated in Helena, Butte, Fort Custer, Anaconda, Livingston, Fort Keogh and Bozeman, and Boise City, Idaho. We are continually gaining in this State, as we have in every other. While our towns are much scattered, and but few in number, thus precluding, to a great extent, our organizing many Camps, yet we believe that we will be of as much benefit here where we are needed, as other Divisions in places where disloyalty is never breathed. Our present membership is remarkable, inasmuch as Montana furnished no troops during the late rebellion. We depend entirely on the Department of Montana, G. A. R., and those who immigrate to this from other States for our recruits. We are endeavoring to organize Camps at Billings, Missoula, Deer Lodge, and other towns where none now exist. Our Order has been officially approved by the National Encampment, G. A. R., and I would ask you to bring before your coming Encampment this Division, and the work we are doing, and urge upon comrades who are residents of towns where no Camp exists, the benefits of our Or-

der. Wherever a Post and a Camp now exist, we have been in accord, and have sustained our positions as loyal sons of patriotic sires. We have now in our Order nearly one hundred thousand Sons of Veterans. That we will one day be an important and powerful means of inculcating true patriotism and love of country all will admit. To aid distressed and worthy comrades is our duty, and the aid and support you now give us will, in the end, revert to yourselves. We have in Montana, two Ladies' Aid Societies, an organization bearing the same relation to our Order that the Woman's Relief Corps does to the G. A. R. On behalf of Montana Division, Sons of Veterans, I extend our best wishes for the success of your coming Encampment, assuring you of our continued esteem and filial respect.

JOHN R. MILLER,

Colonel Com'ding Mont. Div. Sons of Veterans.

Woman's Relief Corps.

Report of Elizabeth C. Fisk, President of Wadsworth Corps.

HELENA, Montana, March 25, 1890.

Comrade W. F. Wheeler, Inspector General, Dept. of Mont., G. A. R.:

The report of the Montana G. A. R., would not be complete without some mention of its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Having only one Corps, that at Helena, known as Wadsworth Corps, the story is soon told.

In January, 1888, Geo. W. Shaw, at that time Commander of Wadsworth Post, Helena, called together a number of the loyal ladies of the city, the wives and daughters of soldiers, who, under his direction, signed an application for a Charter for a Relief Corps. This was at once forwarded to the National officers, and, after a time, Charter and supplies were received. The sixteen names engrossed on this Charter have since been increased to thirty, and this little band of earnest workers have stood side by side with the Grand Army in every good work. Last year the Corps expended in charity more than three hundred dollars. Interest in the work is growing and before the end of this year, Bozeman and Boulder will probably organize Corps and soon Montana will become a Department. If the comrades of the G. A. R. would recognize the importance of this work, and urge their wives and sisters to become members of this organization, a great point would be gained. The aim and work of the Order are, like those of the Grand Army, "to extend Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and to promote peace and love of country." One of their most important duties is to instil in the minds of the young those principles of loyalty and devotion to country which shall make them not only active members of these organizations, but better citizens and nobler men and women.

With best wishes for the success of your Department Convention,

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ELIZABETH C. FISK, Pres. of Wadsworth Corps.

Benj. F. Osborn, Asst. Adjt. Gen'l Dept. Montana G. A. R. and Comrades:

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Inspector General, beg leave to submit the following:

I. We do not deem it wise, at present, that this Department appropriate funds to pay travelling expenses of the Inspector General to visit all the Posts in Montana, in order that he may make these inspections personally, and we would respectfully recommend that the same course be pursued in the future as in the past, believing that there are, in each Post, comrades competent and willing to act in the capacity of Assistant Inspectors General, but urging upon each and every Post in this Department, the importance of these inspections, and the same be reported thereon in a thorough manner.

II. That the thanks of this Encampment be, and are, hereby extended to the Sons of Veterans of this Department, also to the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Ladies Aid Society, and that every effort of the the G. A. R., in Montana be extended to all of these noble institutions.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,

L. S. WILLSON, F. P. STERLING,
PIERCE HOOPES.

Delegate to National Encampment.

James E. Callaway, Commanding Department of Montana, G. A. R.:

COMRADE:—I submit herewith my report as Delegate from this Department to the Twenty-third National Encampment, held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August, 1889.

I arrived there the day previous to the meeting of the Encampment, and established the Headquarters of the Department of Montana, in the Seventh District school building, in the same room with the Department of Florida, and during three days that I kept "open house," a large number of Comrades called and registered. From all that I could learn and observe, the attendance was the largest and the enthusiasm the greatest of any Encampment previously held, and the citizens and comrades of Milwaukee certainly deserve great credit for their generosity and care in making the stay of the veterans in their city as pleasant as such an immense crowd would admit of.

I was appointed a place on the committee on resolutions which occupied my time a part of two days. There were over one thousand delegates present in the hall at each day's session, and the enthusiasm, added to a little confusion, was so great, that it was almost impossible to vote understandingly upon any of the many resolutions and questions that were presented for bettering the condition of our old comrades. Nearly all the business transacted in that line was a reiteration of what had already been done at other Encampments. The voice of the Encampment was almost a unit in support of a Per Diem Service Pension Bill.

I am sorry to report that the attendance of comrades from Montana was very small, not over half a dozen appearing in the line of march under the beautiful banner of Montana.

In F. C. and L.,

VINING A. COOK.

Report of Special Com'tee on Report of Dept Com'der.
To the Asst. Adjt. Gen'l., Department of Montana, G. A. R.:

COMRADE:—We, the special committee, to whom has been referred the report of the Department Commander, beg leave to submit the following report thereon:

We find the report is deserving of unstinted praise—that the many suggestions therein contained are wise and pertinent, that the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered for the patriotic sentiments so ably expressed. We therefore recommend the approval and adoption of the report as a whole, since to select any particular feature as the subject of special commendation would be impossible, whereas all are equally worthy.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON, P. R. DOLMAN,
M. P. WYMAN, F. P. STERLING,
W. T. COLLINS.

Report of special committee called for and the same deferred, and Comrade Eaton appointed committee to look up a report in relation to a committee appointed at last Encampment on the matter of preparing a badge for this Department.

Motion that we now proceed to the election of officers, offered and, pending motion, recess was taken for ten minutes.

Encampment called to order at 5:35 p. m. All excluded except members of the G. A. R.

Motion to proceed to the election of officers temporarily withdrawn, and report of special committee on address of Commander Callaway read, received and adopted.

Report of special committee in regard to Department badge received. Motion made that committee on badge appointed by last Encampment, be discharged and a committee be appointed to report at next meeting. Amended, that old committee be continued, and that Comrade G. O. Eaton be added to said committee, and that the committee be directed to report a design for such Department badge to the Council of Administration not later than July 4th, next, and on the approval of the Council of such design, said badge to be printed by the Assistant Q. M. General, in ample time for delivery (for use at next National Encampment) to all such comrades as may desire to purchase them.

Report of special committee on report of Inspector Gen'l submitted and adopted.

Motion to proceed to the election of officers renewed and adopted, and the following nominations were made for Department Commander: Comrade Geo. O. Eaton nominated Ed. F.

Ferris; comrade J. D. Jenks nominated comrade Henry C. Kessler; comrade Wheeler seconded the nomination of comrade Ferris. Comrade H. C. Kessler withdrew his name, and, on motion, the Acting A. A. General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade E. F. Ferris as Department commander, which was done.

Nominations for candidates for Senior Vice commander being in order, comrade H. C. Yeager nominated H. C. Kessler, and comrade E. C. Culver nominated comrade A. P. Hart; nomination of comrade Kessler seconded, and comrade L. Whitney seconded the nomination of comrade A. P. Hart. Nominations closed and recess taken until 7:30 p. m.

Encampment called to order at 7:45 p. m., Commander Callaway in the chair.

Comrade H. C. Kessler withdrew his name as candidate for senior vice commander, and no other nominations being made, on motion, the rules were suspended, and the A. A. A. Gen'l was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade A. P. Hart as senior vice commander, which was done.

Nominations for junior vice commander being in order, comrade N. H. Morley was nominated, and there being no other nominations, on motion, the A. A. A. Gen'l was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade N. H. Morley, which was done.

Nominations for medical director: Comrade W. T. Collins was nominated; no other nominations being made, on motion, the A. A. A. Gen'l was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade W. T. Collins for said office, which was done.

Nominations for chaplain: Comrade S. E. Snyder was nominated, and no other nominations being made, the A. A. A. Gen'l was directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrade S. E. Snyder for Department chaplain, which was done.

Nominations for members of the council of administration: Comrades Henry C. Yeager, H. H. Zenor, L. F. Wyman, Wm. Harmon, Otho Klemm, J. H. Davis, C. W. Lombard, L. W. Whitney, F. W. Wright, and J. S. Wisner were nominated. The names of Comrades Davis, Wyman, Harmon, Lombard, and Whitney being withdrawn, on motion, the A. A. A. Gen'l was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for comrades H. C. Yeager, F. W. Wright, J. S. Wisner, H. H. Zenor and Otho Klemm for members of the council of administration, which was done.

Comrades R. E. Fisk and P. R. Dolman were nominated as delegates to the National Encampment, and A. A. A. Gen'l was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the Encampment for the comrades, which was done, and comrades Wm. Harmon and J. J. York were, in the same manner, elected as alternates.

For place of holding next Encampment, comrade Jenks proposed Great Falls; comrade Kennedy proposed Boulder, and comrade Morley proposed Anaconda.

Comrades Dolman and Sterling were appointed tellers, and a ballot was taken with the following result: Great Falls received 21 votes; Anaconda received 29 votes; Boulder received 6 votes; Anaconda having received a majority of the votes cast was declared to be the place selected for holding the next annual encampment.

Motion by comrade Eaton that \$100 be appropriated to assist in defraying the expenses of Department commander in visiting Posts of the Department, amended by comrade Harmon to make the amount \$150; amendment withdrawn, and report of the Department commander as to expenses of past year read by Acting A. A. Gen'l:

LIVINGSTON, Montana, April 9, 1890.

To the Council of Administration, G. A. R.:

COMRADES:—As your Department commander, I beg leave to present the following report:

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, In account with	}
James E. Callaway, Dept. Commander.	}
Amt. appropriated by the 5th annual encampment for travelling expenses,	\$150.00
For postage, etc., rec'd from Dpt Q. M.	11.90
From A. A. G.,	6.00
Total	\$167.90
Expended as follows:	
Visiting Posts,	\$179 00
Postage, telegraphing and expressage,	22.40
Total expenditure,	\$201.40

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Dept. commander.

Approved: HARRY C. KESSLER,

Acting chairman council of administration.

Amendment offered by comrade Kennedy that the amount be made \$150.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary; amendment accepted by mover of the original motion, and motion adopted.

Resolution offered by comrade F. P. Sterling, and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Encampment be, and are, hereby extended to the citizens of Livingston, and to Farragut Post 7, G. A. R., for their hearty reception, loyal welcome, and the gracious manner in which this, the Sixth Annual Encampment, has been entertained.

Resolution offered by comrade Geo. F. Cowan, and adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Encampment appreciates the efforts of the citizens of Livingston to make the session a success, as

shown by the very general decorations, and by the attention to the wants of the members so universally manifested, and the Encampment trusts that the loyalty and the fraternity so displayed will meet a rich reward in continued and increasing prosperity.

Resolution by comrade P. R. Dolman, and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, are hereby tendered to the officers of the passenger departments of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific, Utah Northern, and the Montana Union Railways, for their kindness in extending to the members of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and our friends, one fare for the round trip to this Encampment, and to F. W. Barker, ticket agent at this place, for his personal kindness and assistance to us.

Motion that a committee of three, one to be the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, be appointed on printing proceedings of the Fifth and Sixth Annual Encampments, and \$150.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the expenses thereof, 500 copies to be printed; amendment offered that 700 copies be printed; amendment accepted by original mover, and motion lost.

Motion to print 250 copies, with same provisions as above, carried, and comrades F. P. Sterling and William F. Wheeler were appointed additional members of said committee.

Recess until 9 a. m., April 10th.

Encampment called to order at 10:45 a. m., April 10th, Commander Callaway in the chair.

Comrade Hoopes appointed Officer of the Day pro tem, comrade being absent.

Motion made that the commander appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions relative to conducting future banquets of this Department, carried, and comrades Snyder, Sterling, and Eaton appointed.

Recess until 1:30 p. m.

Encampment called to order at 1:45 p. m., Commander Callaway in the chair.

Committee on resolutions, relating to banquets, &c., submitted report which was unanimously adopted.

Recess taken to take part in parade of Sons of Veterans.

Encampment called to order at 3 p. m., Commander Callaway in the chair. Doors opened to the public; comrade W. P. Wyman to take position of senior vice commander, pro tem.

Comrade G. W. Grant appointed mustering officer, who then proceeded to install the Department officers-elect as follows: Department Commander—Ed. F. Ferris.

Senior Vice Commander—A. P. Hart.

Junior Vice Commander—N. H. Morley,

Medical Director—W. T. Collins.

Chaplain—S. E. Snyder.

And the newly installed officers were conducted to their respective stations, and the newly installed Department Commander named his staff as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General—Benj. F. Osborn.

Assistant Q. M. General—H. J. Hoppe.

Inspector General—Frank P. Sterling.

Chief Mustering Officer—Joseph J. York.

Assistant Mustering Officer—S. A. Wallace.

All were installed except the Assistant Adjutant General who was absent. Motion adopted that privilege be granted the delegate from John Buford Post No. 1, to forward address intended for this Encampment, to the council of administration, who were directed to report on same at the next Encampment.

Recess.

Encampment called to order at 3:50 p. m., Commander E. F. Ferris in the chair; all except members of the G. A. R. excluded from the hall.

On motion, a committee of three, with comrade George O. Eaton as chairman, was appointed to draft rules of order for the use of the Encampment, Department of Montana.

Vote of thanks extended to the Livingston band for their services on occasion of the Encampment.

Minutes of this Encampment read, and, as amended, were adopted.

Encampment duly closed by Commander Ferris.

General Orders.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
BOZEMAN, Montana, April 18, 1889. }

COMRADES:

I. The Fifth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at Helena, Montana, April 9, 1889—the 24th anniversary of Appomattox—and duly elected the following officers for this Department:

Department Commander—Jas. E. Callaway, Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Senior Vice Commander—Harry C. Kessler, Post No. 2, Butte City.

Junior Vice Commander—Geo. F. Chambers, Post No. 7, Livingston.

Medical Director—W. S. Norcross, Post No. 3, Helena:

Chaplain—Rev. S. E. Snyder, Post No. 3, Helena.

Council of Administration.

John Moffitt, Post No. 3, Helena; Geo. F. Cowan, Post No. 13, Boulder; N. H. Morley, Post No. 16, Anaconda; C. S. Shoemaker, Post No. 2, Butte; John L. Sloane, Post No. 11, Missoula.

Delegates to National Encampment.

Ed. F. Ferris, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman;
Vining A. Cook, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

Alternate Delegates—E. A. Kreidler, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City; Simeon Hanswirth, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

II. The following appointments upon the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant Gen'l—Benj. F. Osborn, Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Asst. Q. M. Gen'l—Lew Coleman, Post No. 4, Deer Lodge.

Asst. Insp. Gen'l—Will Kennedy, Post No. 13, Boulder.

Judge Advocate—J. W. Kinsley, Post No. 3, Helena.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. L. Sloane, Post No. 11, Missoula.

Asst. Mustering Officer—G. W. Rightenour, Post No. 5, Sheridan.

Asst. Inspectors—T. J. Lamont, Post No. 16, Anaconda; Wm. F. Wheeler, Post No. 3, Helena; E. A. Kreidler, Post No. 24, Miles City.

Aides-de-Camp.

Erastus M. Willson and Francis J. Barnes, John Buford Post No. 1, Fort Custer.

L. F. Wymab, Gilbert Engel and John Railey, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

James Dunn, H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, C. B. Newberry, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

James H. Mills, D. J. McMillan, George H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge.

E. L. Dickenson, J. R. Comfort, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

Eugene Stark, C. H. Sprague, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Jno Skillin, H. J. Hoppe, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Chas. Blevin, Oscar Willis, Steedman Post No. 8, Dillon.

Oscar Van Tassel, Geo. E. Oyler, W. F. McCornack, Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Ferd Kennett, Luke D. Hatch, Fred Winthrop, Post No. 11, Missoula.

James McCormick, Moses P. Wyman, Thomas L. Kane, Post No. 12, Glendive.

Benj. J. Hoopes, Benj. F. Shrene, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

John Tulley, Newman Borchardt, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.

J. H. Rinehart, S. A. Wallace, John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

James Kinney, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Louis Rotwitt, Thomas F. Meagher Post No. 17, White Sulphur Springs.

George F. Heldt, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

III. Profoundly grateful to my comrades for the trust imposed and the high honor conferred, I have assumed command of this Department, with headquarters at Bozeman.

By the kind assistance of my comrades, and especially with the aid of all officers, I may be able to conduct the office with as much success as have my illustrious predecessors. The last Encampment was by far the largest and most enthusiastic of any within the history of this Department, and our society was never more prosperous than on the day it convened.

IV. On the 30th day of this month we shall have rounded a full period of our country's history and administration under the constitution of the United States. The Union of our fathers has been preserved. You were and are its defenders. I recommend that on that centennial day of the first inauguration of the "Father of our country," every comrade in this Department will abstain from all secular pursuits, and each Post will, so far as practicable, commemorate the day in the most fitting, public and patriotic manner.

V. I recommend to you the cardinal principles of our society—Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. In fraternity: That we believe in the common brotherhood of man and the universal fatherhood of God. In charity: That we extend protection and relief to all worthy and distressed comrades, their widows and orphans, and to all who followed the banner of the Republic, the right hand of fellowship with the guarantee that all citizens shall have equal protection under the law. While the Grand Army of the Republic has no politics, (and should not have) we may, as citizens, differ as to American policies and be friends and comrades. In loyalty: That we were and are true to the flag of our fathers, to national unity and the principles of Constitutional liberty.

JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Department Commander.

Official:

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
BOZEMAN, Montana, April 18, 1889. }

General Order No. 2.

I. In compliance with General Orders No. 7, from Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, dated Kansas City, Mo., March 30, 1889, the Post Commanders in this Department will cause to be made a thorough inspection of their respective Posts, at such hour as may be convenient, on the 15th day of May, 1889, and promptly report to Department Inspector Will Kennedy, at Boulder City, Montana, (on form H) who will consolidate the several reports and forward his report to

assist in our services. What custom so simple and appropriate, could so well cultivate the spirit of patriotism in our land and render tenderer and better the human heart in remembrance of the dead? The martial bravery of our former enemy is remembered "by the Grand Army at the tombs of our own dead comrades and there we solemnly pledge a soldier's pardon. Upon common ground of honoring the brave, the Union and Confederate veterans unite to offer tribute to departed valor." When our great Commander was sitting under the shadow of death and had spoken his last word on earth, he wrote to General Buckner, (now Governor) of Kentucky, and said if he could be "assured of our country's unity he would be happy." This beautiful and beneficent custom is a white winged harbinger of a lasting peace; the inspirations of the great soldier's heart are a practical reality.

We strew flowers upon their graves; the Union for his cause and for his bravery; the Confederate, not for his cause, but for his bravery. "Enemies (we were) in war; in peace, friends." A patriotic and appropriate observance of our next Memorial Day is enjoined upon the different Posts in this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic and all the people of the embryo State are cordially invited to participate in our ceremonies of decoration. On that day all my comrades are also enjoined, as far as practicable, to abstain from all secular pursuits, and meet at their Post rooms between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and thereupon, with due decorum and solemnity execute such arrangements as may be convenient and practicable for the proper observance of that hallowed day.

This order does not prevent the joining of two or more Posts in its execution. By command of

JAMES E. CALLAWAY,

Official:

Department Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MONTANA,

Grand Army of the Republic,

BOZEMAN, August 6, 1889. }

General Order No. 4.

Our next annual Encampment will convene at Milwaukee on the 27th of this month, and continue until the 31st. Our comrades at Milwaukee and the patriotic citizens of that place have made great sacrifices to give the old soldiers and all visitors a grand and appropriate reception.

The Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest civic society in this Republic. To us and our dead brothers-in-arms this Nation owes its life; but for our services and sacrifices Liberty would have perished from the face of the earth. Every home in our broad land and every citizen abroad is protected by the flag of our fathers. The proudest distinction that any man can claim, "I am a citizen of the United States,"

is a comfort to every member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Every sunset warns us the day is near when our reunions shall have ceased.

Earnest efforts were made by the Department Commander and many friends to secure railroad rates from Milwaukee at one cent per mile; other societies have such recognition. For some reason unknown to us our petition for decent treatment was spurned from the thrones of the railroad magnates. Time will bring its retribution. The fare, as fixed by the railroads, from any point in Montana to and from Milwaukee, is one rate for the round trip. I recommend that all attend who can; I, for one, will stay at home.

JAMES E. CALLAWAY,

Official: Department Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
BOZEMAN, November 18, 1889. }

General Order No. 5.

I. The annual elections of the Post officers for the several Posts of this Department will be held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the G. A. R., at the first stated meeting of each Post in December, 1889. The present Department Commander, in the issuance of this order, adopts, as most timely, the golden words of his immediate predecessor, following:

"The Department Commander admonishes every comrade that great care should be exercised in the selection of Post officers, as the character of a Post is to a very great extent known by the officers it selects to preside over its affairs, and upon the officers (largely) depends the success of the Post. The rank badge upon the breast of a comrade should be a decoration for valiant service, rendered in the interests of our Order, and should be conferred upon those only who are worthy of this distinction."

II. It is enjoined upon each Post Commander that he will cause his Adjutant to promptly notify, by postal card or otherwise, all members of his Post in good standing, so there can be assured a full attendance of comrades at the election.

III. At the same meeting each Post will select representatives and alternates to the Sixth Annual Department Encampment, to be held at Livingston, Montana, at a day to be fixed by the Department Council of Administration. The basis of representation is fixed by resolutions adopted at our Third Annual Encampment, as follows:

"RESOLVED. That each Post in good standing shall be entitled to two representatives, to be selected according to the rules and regulations governing the G. A. R., and an additional representative in the ratio of one for every fifty members

in good standing, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more than half that number.”

IV. The Post officers elected for the ensuing year will be installed at the first regular meeting of the Post in January, 1890. The Senior Past Post Commander (of the Post) present will act as installing officer. If there be no Past Post Commander present, the acting Post Commander will designate a suitable comrade to perform such duty. Immediately after installation, the Post Commander will forward to the office of the Assistant Adjutant General a complete roster of the officers and members of his Post, duly signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant.

V. Post Commanders are directed to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General at these headquarters, immediately after the election, the names of the Post officers-elect, and also of the representatives and alternates to the Department Encampment, (blanks enclosed); also each representative and alternate should be furnished with a certificate of his election, signed by the Post Commander and his Adjutant.

VI. Owing to the press of private business, comrade Will Kennedy has resigned the office of Inspector General for this Department. His resignation having been accepted, comrade Wm. F. Wheeler, of Wadsworth Post No. 5, is hereby appointed to fill such vacancy. Comrade Wheeler will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By command of JAMES E. CALLAWAY,
Official: Department Commander.
BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
BOZEMAN, Montana, Nov. 27th, 1889.

General Order No. 6.

I. The annual inspection of the several Posts of this Department is hereby ordered to be made under the direction of comrade Wm. F. Wheeler, Department Inspector General, as follows:

At all Posts where two monthly meetings are held, the inspection will be made at the last regular meeting (of such Post) in December, 1889. In all other cases (or Posts) such inspection will be made on Monday evening, the 23d of the same month.

II. Inspections should conform to the rules and regulations then in force in the Grand Army, and to the forms prescribed by the Inspector General, G. A. R. So far as practicable, inspections should be made at a regular meeting, but each Post Commander is directed to call a special meeting for that purpose when necessary to conform to paragraph I, above. Post Commanders are enjoined to give due and personal no-

tice to all comrades of their respective Posts and require prompt attendance at such inspection.

III. The Assistant Department Inspectors will, in addition to the forms given by the Inspector General, report particularly in answer to the following specific questions:

1st. Are the officers prompt in attendance and efficient in their duties?

2d. What is the state of discipline and decorum of the Post while in session?

3d. Do the officers and comrades, while the Post is in session, enforce and observe the forms and courtesies usually practiced in dignified parliamentary bodies?

4th. Is the ritualistic and unwritten work correctly and well rendered at Post meetings—especially in muster-in services?

5th. Is the descriptive book properly kept?

6th. Does the Post keep a register book and require the same to be signed by all members and visitors at each Post meeting?

7th. Are the Adjutant's record of proceedings well kept and promptly recorded?

8th. Does he carefully file and preserve all orders, communications, etc., when received?

9th. Is the Quartermaster prompt in the collection of dues?

10th. What is the condition of the record of his accounts and is he prompt in making his reports?

11th. What number of comrades were suspended during the year and for what cause?

12th. Do the records show that the suspended comrades were suspended by a vote of the Post, and at a regular meeting?

13th. How many comrades or ex-soldiers and sailors are receiving charitable aid from the Post?

14th. How many are receiving aid from any other charitable source?

IV. As it will be impracticable for the Department Inspector to visit the Posts to make an inspection in person, he will nominate to these headquarters the names of comrades whom he desires as Assistant Inspectors for the Department, and they will be appointed and assigned accordingly.

V. Assistant Inspectors, upon receiving their appointment and instructions, will, at the designated time, proceed to the inspection of the Posts assigned them and will make report thereon, without unnecessary delay, to the office of the Department Inspector at Helena.

VI. It is desirable and very necessary for the well-being of our Order that the inspection herein ordered shall be made as thorough and complete as possible, and to this end Commanders and subordinate officers of Posts will give the In-

spector all assistance possible in the proper discharge of such duty.

By command of

JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Department Commander.

Official:

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
BOZEMAN, Montana, March 10, 1890. }

General Orders No. 7.

I. The regular quarterly inspection, for the first quarter, A. D. 1890, of the several Posts of this Department, Grand Army of the Republic, is hereby ordered to be held at 8 o'clock p. m., Saturday, March 29th—current month—under the direction of the Department Inspector General.

II. It is made the duty of all Post, or acting, Commanders to call a meeting of their respective Posts, for the purpose of inspection, and for such other business as may properly come before the Post at that date. Due and timely notice of such meeting and its purposes must be given by the Post Adjutant, by order of the Post Commander, to each comrade, by postal card or other efficient means, so that a full attendance of the comrades may be secured. It is especially and fraternally enjoined upon each Assistant Inspector that he will diligently aid the Commander and Adjutant of his Post to comply in letter and spirit with this paragraph.

III. In making such inspection, the Post Commanders and Assistant Inspectors will be careful to conform to the requirements and ceremonies prescribed for inspections, found on page 52, Book of Services, G. A. R. The blank forms for reports will be furnished to the general inspecting officers from these headquarters. All Aides-de-Camp are especially enjoined to render all possible assistance in making said inspection, and will see that the reports are at once made and forwarded by next mail to comrade W. F. Wheeler, Department Inspector General, Helena, Montana.

IV. All comrades, but notably Post Commanders and Aides-de-Camp, are advised that the meetings herein ordered are of significant importance. Much will depend, as to the standing of this Department at the next National Encampment, upon the reports made by the staff officers at our next annual Department Encampment, and these reports will be based upon the promptness and efficiency of the Post officers and the good behavior of the comrades. Upon the Post Commander rests the responsibility. He will, therefore, not fail to see that the reports and returns, due at the end of the present quarter, to the offices of the Assistant Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, and Inspector General, are properly made and forwarded by the last day of this month.

V. In all cases where Posts have more than one monthly

meeting, the meeting here called may be in lieu of the last regular meeting of such Posts. Post Commanders should act accordingly.

VI. Comrade R. C. Wallace, of Helena, has been appointed, by the Commander-in-chief, Commissioner for this Department to solicit subscriptions from the comrades to build a suitable monument to our dead comrade and former chief, John A. Logan. Comrade Wallace has to make his report March 31st—the current month. It is urged that the several Posts of this Department will take such action as it may deem proper at said meeting for inspection, and promptly report to Comrade Wallace with its contribution. Every Post, yes, every comrade, will be proud to add a patriotic testimonial. Our dead comrade was the model volunteer soldier; and from the close of the war until his untimely death, was the truest, the best, and the greatest “soldier’s friend.”

VII. The Sixth Annual Encampment of this Department, Grand Army of the Republic, is ordered to meet at Livingston, Montana, at 12 o’clock, M., April 19, 1890—the 25th anniversary of “Appomattox.” The Rules and Regulations of the G.A.R. define who are members of the encampment.

VIII. The headquarters of the Department will be established at the Albemarle House, on the 8th, where the Council of Administration will meet, at 7 o’clock on that evening. The Council consists of five elected members, viz: Comrades John Moffitt, N. H. Morley, C. S. Shomaker, John S. Sloane, and George F. Cowan; and the Department Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Assistant Adjt. Gen’l, Q.M.General, Inspector General, Judge Advocate; Chief Mustering Officer, Medical Director, and Chaplain. A full attendance is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.

IX. The Department Commander takes great pleasure in announcing to all comrades that, through the efficiency of committees appointed at Helena and Butte, all the railroads in Montana have magnanimously agreed to furnish all comrades and visitors, going to and returning from the Encampment, one-half fare; or, in other words, full fare one way, for the round trip. Tickets can be secured at any station in the State. Ample time will be given for the trip, of which the railroads will give due notice.

X. It is hoped Commander-in-chief Alger will be able to meet with us at Livingston. We would give him a royal welcome and a soldier’s hearty greeting. All comrades are cordially invited to meet with us, whether entitled to seats in the Encampment or not; and every reputable veteran will receive a soldier’s hospitality. The Department Commander especially desires that the Department Staff will, at roll call, respond “here.” By command of

• JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Department Commander.

Official: BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MONTANA,
Grand Army of the Republic,
BOZEMAN, March 24, 1890. }

Special Order No. 24.

Comrades B. F. Osborn, L. S. Willson, and E. F. Ferris, of Wm. English Post No. 10, are hereby appointed and designated, as a select committee, to procure an appropriate badge for the members and visiting comrades, at the next (6th) annual Encampment of this Department. Said committee have the fullest discretion in the performance of such duty, and they will use any means in their power to have the badges at Livingston by the evening of the 8th, proximo.

JAMES E. CALLAWAY, Department Commander.

Official:

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Assistant Adjutant General.

Inspector General's Report.

HELENA, Montana, April 8, 1890.

Benj. F. Osborn, Asst. Adjt. General, Dept. of Montana, G. A. R.:

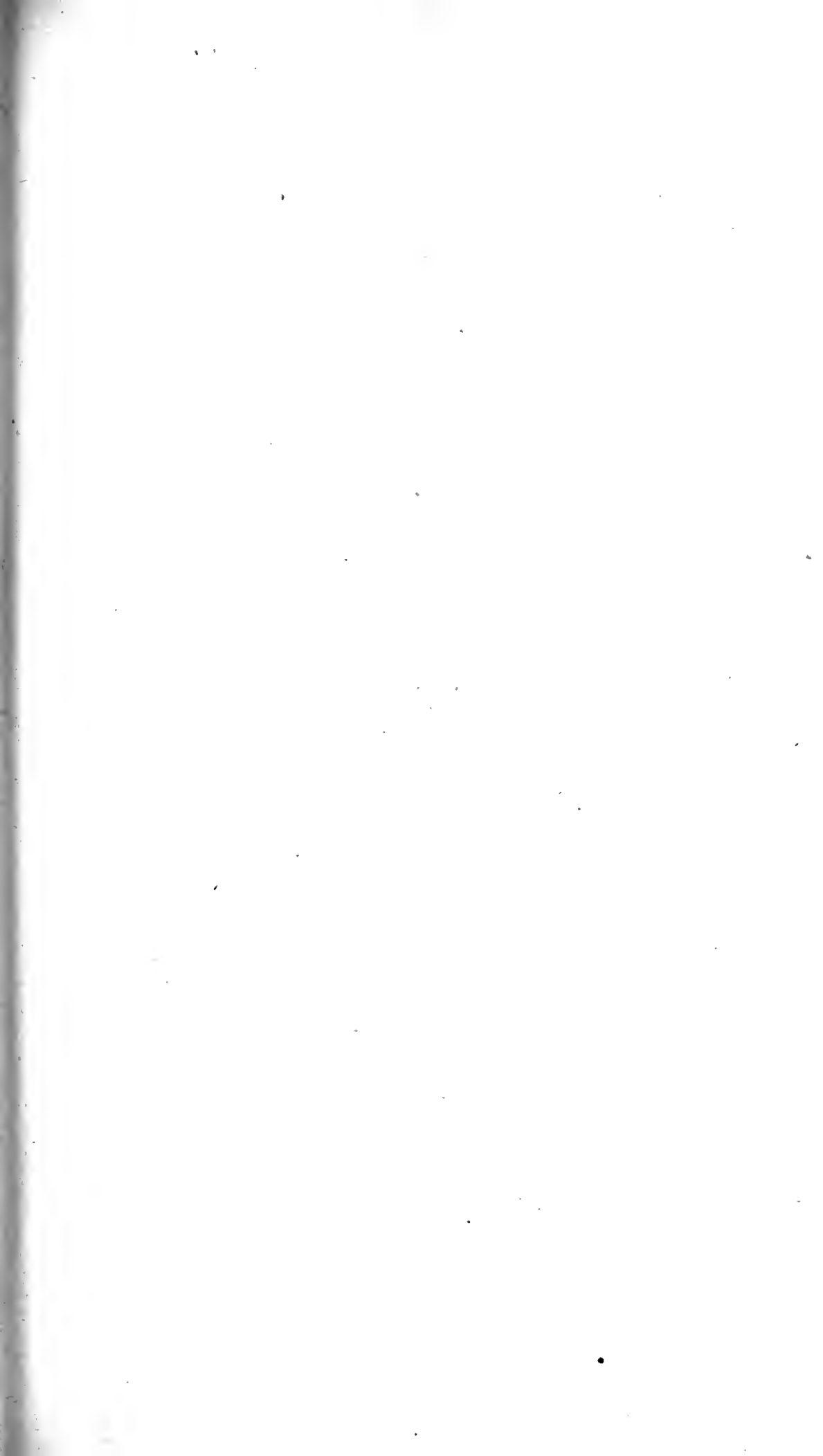
COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit the following report of Inspector for the first quarter of the year 1890, made in pursuance of General Order No. 7, Headquarters, Department of Montana, G. A. R., and dated Bozeman, March 10th, 1890. In consequence of the late day upon which the order was reissued, and the limited time given to call Posts together and make the proper inspections, but about half have made reports of inspection. The following only have been received:

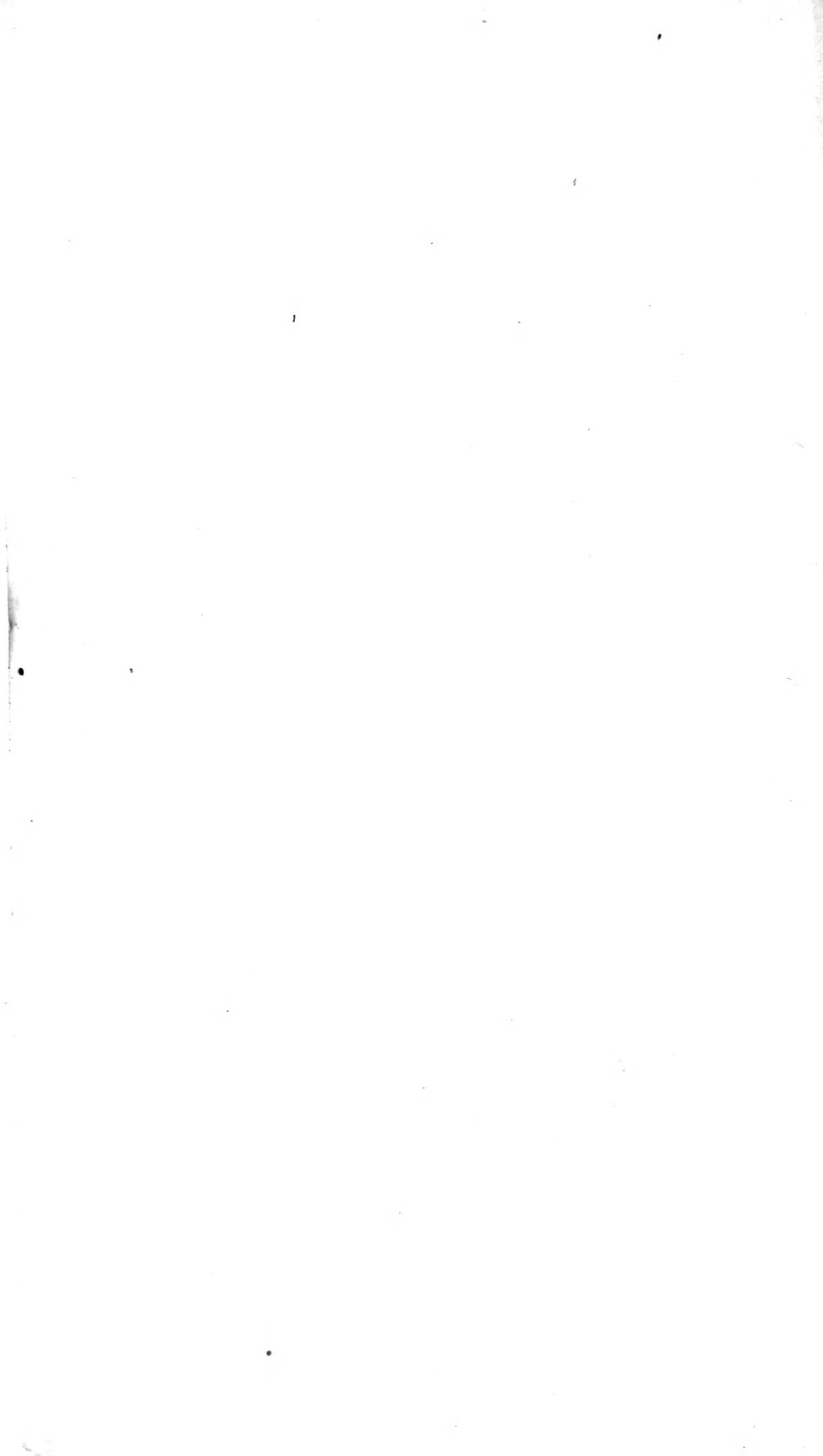
John Buford No. 1, Fort Custer.
Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.
Frank Blair No. 6, Virginia City.
Steadman No. 8, Dillon.
Wm. English, No. 10, Bozeman.
J. B. McPherson, No. 13, Boulder.
U. S. Grant, No. 14, Miles City.
George G. Meade, No. 16, Anaconda.
Sheridan, No. 18, Great Falls.

There is nothing really new in these reports of Assistant Inspectors in addition to their reports for 1889, and unless the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster Gen'l and the other Department officers have received more Post reports than I have, I would respectfully recommend that this report be laid on the table, and the full reports for the year 1889, be adopted for the guidance of the Encampment for this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L., WM. F. WHEELER,
Inspector General.





DEPARTMENT ROSTER, 1890.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

ED. F. FERRIS, Bozeman, Department Commander.
A. P. HART, Billings, - Senior Vice Commander.
N. H. MORLEY, Anaconda, Junior Vice Commander.
W. T. COLLINS, Livingston, - Medical Director.
REV. S. E. SNYDER, Helena, - - Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Benj. F. Osborn, Bozeman, - Ass't. Adjt. General.
H. J. Hoppe, Livingston, Ass't Quartermaster General.
Frank P. Sterling, Helena, - - Inspector General.
Joseph J. York, Butte, - - Chief Mustering Officer.
S. A. Wallace, Billings, - - Ass't. Mustering Officer.
H. S. Howell, Helena, - - Judge Advocate.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

H. C. Yeager, Helena.
F. W. Wright, Livingston.
J. S. Wisner, Anaconda.
H. H. Zenor, Deer Lodge.
Otho Klenim, Dillon.

Delegates to National Encampment.

R. E. Fisk, Helena. - P. R. Dolman, Butte.

Alternate Delegates.

William Harmon, Miles City. Joseph J. York, Butte.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller, Helena.
Chas. S. Warren, Butte.
E. C. Waters, Billings.
Junius G. Sanders, Helena.
Jas. E. Callaway, Virginia City.

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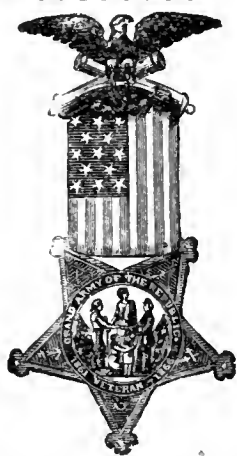
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SESSION 1891.

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Anaconda, Montana, April 9th, 1891.

The Seventh Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m., April 9th, 1891, in the post room of George G. Meade Post No. 16, in Anaconda, Montana, by Department Commander Ed. F. Ferris. Comrade W. W. Turney of Meade No. 16 was detailed as officer of the day and Comrade M. B. Spier and A. Golder of Meade Post as inside guards, and Comrade Isaac Hurst of Meade Post as outside guard. In the absence of Asst. Adjt. Gen. B. F. Osborn of the department, Comrade George T. Chambers of Farragut No. 7 was appointed acting assistant adjutant general and Comrade T. O'Leary as assistant adjutant general of the Encampment.

Comrades John Duff, Warren Post No. 20, R. Hobbach, Wadsworth Post No. 3, and George T. Chambers, acting assistant adjutant general, were appointed as a committee on credentials.

Comrade Lucius Whitney, of Logan Post No. 15, was assigned to the Senior Vice Commander's chair in the absence of the Senior Vice Commander.

The Department Commander, calling Past Department Commander Sanders to the chair, made the following address to the Encampment:

Department Commander's Annual Address.

COMRADES: At the 6th Annual Encampment I had the honor of being chosen your Commander for the term, and as that term is about to end and I return to the ranks, according to our custom, I herewith submit to you a brief statement of the condition of our Department, together with such recommendations as seem to me proper to further the interests of our order.

The year just passed has not been an eventful one in this Department. The increase in our numbers has not been great. One new Post has been organized, viz: John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Grantsdale, Missoula county, on September 27th, 1890, by Chief Mustering Officer J. J. York, with a membership of 21.

We have lost during the year by transfer, discharge, death and dropped, 112 members, and have gained 127

members, making our total membership at date of last report 689.

The reports from the different Posts during the year indicate a growing interest in the principles, purposes and work of the G. A. R. The majority of our losses occur by reason of change of residence by members and others dropped because of unpaid dues. I recommend that in all cases of the latter class—when deserving—that the Posts remit such unpaid dues and that they be carried on the rolls as members in good standing. This is but putting in force one of our cardinal principles. I recommend having more camp fires in every Post; they revive old memories and fill the heart with recollections dear to all. They touch the social side of man and fill our rolls with names that would not otherwise be there.

The Department of Montana was ably represented at the Boston Encampment by Delegates Fisk and Dolman and by Comrade Yaeger of Wadsworth Post, who volunteered to carry the colors of this Department throughout the entire line of march, and as Comrade Fisk writes: “received the grandest possible greeting from the multitude of spectators.” We are still without a Department badge. At the 5th Annual Encampment Comrade W. F. Sanders was appointed Chairman of the Committee to adopt a badge and report in time for the National Encampment of that year. Comrade Eaton was appointed an additional member of that committee; his report to the Assistant Adjutant General will be read at the proper time. I hope the badge will materialize before the next national encampment meets, and to that end would suggest that the old committee be discharged and another appointed with Comrade Eaton as chairman, as Comrade Sanders’ duties do not give him time to act with the other members of the committee.

The burden of providing for our Annual Encampments falls on the Post where the Encampment is held, as Comrades who belong to those Posts can testify. None have a surplus, being constantly called upon to help the needy, and as the Department tax gives us a surplus each year, it seems to me that it would be proper and right for the Department to set aside a certain sum each year for the purpose of defraying the expenses of each Annual Encampment, thereby distributing the expense equally among all the Comrades, and then the Posts could continue in the good work of helping those in need without calling on Comrades personally for funds.

The amounts paid out for charity are annually increasing. The past year nearly \$500.00 was expended by different Posts, an increase of nearly \$300 over the previous year.

I invite your close attention to the reading of the detailed reports of the other officers that you may thoroughly

understand the condition of the Department at the present time.

Other Departments are actively working to see that every School House has the American Flag floating over it and the Posts in this Department should also take some action in this matter. It concerns us all. Every school house in Montana should float the stars and stripes, and if the Legislature on being petitioned refuses to pass such laws as will compel every school district in the state to purchase a flag, then this Department by its Posts, so far as they can, without injury to themselves, financially, should take some action toward securing flags for schools in their respective districts. Let us not forget "The Little Red School House," the educator of our boys and girls, and see that they have the Old Flag to look at and remind them that it is the same old flag their fathers fought under and made it possible for them to live in a free country.

"Stand by the little school house,
This shall our watchword be,
Stand by the little school house,
Cradle of Liberty."

Sons of Veterans.

The Sons of Veterans in Montana, so far as I have been able to learn, are steadily increasing in membership. I can speak knowingly of George A. Custer Camp of Bozeman. In January they had a rousing camp fire, which I had the pleasure of attending with other members of the G. A. R. It is in a very prosperous condition. With the encouragement and help of the old soldiers the order will continue to grow, and it should be so, as they will take our places, and while the G. A. R. will be of the past its principles will live under the name of the Sons of Veterans. I bespeak for them a hearty welcome at this Encampment.

Women's Relief Corps.

An organization by the noble, loyal women of America that is accomplishing much good in nearly every state, is the Woman's Relief Corps. We have only one Corps, that auxiliary to Wadsworth No. 3, Helena, but the National Instituting and Installing Officer of the Corps is making an effort which I hope will succeed to establish auxiliaries to each Post in this Department. If they are not needed as much now as they undoubtedly will be in the future, now is the time to organize and prepare for the time when, as the state grows older and more populous and it becomes more difficult to earn a livelihood, they will be needed to look after the widows and orphans and such worthy comrades as are destitute and need their assistance. The Comrades in the Department should assist in every possible way in carrying on this good work.

Sherman and Porter.

Comrades W. T. Sherman and David Porter, answering to the same call, have passed behind the vale into the eternity beyond. Each in his particular sphere a leader of leaders, directing the forces of the war with almost unrivaled power and skill and taking high rank among the military and naval men of the world. Yet, as all that is human must, each of these great heroes has succumbed to death and a stricken nation bows in sorrow.

Comrades, I appreciate very highly, more than I can express in words, the honor of being Commander of this Department, and most sincerely do I thank you for the same. The duties of the position have been performed to the best of my ability. We are soon to part for another year and it is my most heartfelt wish that the Great Commander of all may permit us to meet many times, and "as we go from here let us not forget to take with us into our daily lives that fraternity of feeling which should bind us together as comrades."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ED. F. FERRIS, Commander.

The following letter of regret for non-attendance at the Encampment was read:

BOZEMAN, Montana, April 8, 1891.

Ed. F. Ferris, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—For the second time during my term of office as Assistant Adjutant General I find it impossible to attend the encampment. Last year "la grippe" held me fast in bed and this year my partner being absent business interests detain me at home. It is a great disappointment not to have the pleasure of meeting the "old boys" and especially those with whom I have had such pleasant relations during the past year. To my successor I would say, "If the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters happen to be a little slow in sending in their reports, don't get excited; they will get there after awhile."

Hoping you will have a grand, good time, and that you will all come to Bozeman next year, I am

Yours in F. C. & L.,

BENJ. F. OSBORN, A. A. Gen'l.

Comrade Eaton, Post 10, moved that the Commander's address be referred to a committee of three for report on the recommendations therein. Seconded and carried, and Comrades Eaton, Post 10, Kennedy, Post 13 and Dolman, Post 2, were appointed as such committee.

Comrade Eaton was excused from service on the committee at his own request and Comrade Sloan of Post 11 was appointed in his stead.

Comrade Kennedy of Post 13 moved that a rule be adopted that the chair be not governed in the appointment of a committee to name as the chairman thereof the mover

of the motion for the appointment of such committee. The motion was seconded by Comrade Eaton, Post 10, for the purpose, as he stated, of opposing it, and on a vote the motion was lost.

Roll call of officers. The following were present:

Ed. F. Ferris, Department Commander.

N. H. Morley, Junior Vice Commander.

Rev. S. E. Snyder, Chaplain.

Department Staff.

H. J. Hoppe, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Frank P. Sterling, Inspector General.

J. J. York, Chief Mustering Officer.

H. S. Howell, Judge Advocate.

Past Department Commanders.

Charles S. Warren, Junius G. Sanders.

Council of Administration.

H. C. Yaeger, F. W. Wright, J. S. Wisner, and H. H. Zenor.

The Committee on Credentials, through the Acting Assistant Adjutant General, made the following report.

The following named Comrades are entitled to seats in the Encampment.

Department Officers.

Ed. F. Ferris, Post No. 10, Bozeman, Commander.

A. P. Hurt, Post No. 15, Billings, S. V. Commander.

N. H. Morley, Post No. 16, Anaconda, J. V. Comm'd'r.

W. T. Collins, Post No. 7, Livingston, Med. Director.

Rev. S. E. Snyder, Post No. 3, Helena, Chaplain.

Department Staff.

Benj. F. Osborn, Post No. 10, Bozeman, Ass't. Adj. General.

H. J. Hoppe, Post No. 7, Livingston, Ass't Q. M. Gen.

Frank P. Sterling, Post No. 3, Helena, Inspector Gen.

J. J. York, Post No. 2, Butte, Chief Mustering Officer.

H. S. Howell, Post No. 6, Virginia City, Judge Adv.

Council of Administration.

H. C. Yaeger, Post No. 3, Helena; F. W. Wright, Post No. 7, Livingston; J. S. Wisner, Post No. 16, Anaconda; H. H. Zenor, Post No. 4, Deer Lodge; Otto Klem, Post No. 8, Dillon.

Past Department Commanders.

Thomas P. Fuller, Helena; Charles S. Warren, Butte; E. C. Waters, Billings; Junius G. Sanders, Helena; Jas. E. Callaway, Virginia City.

Delegates to the Encampment.

John Buford Post No. 1, Fort Custer, 17 Members.

Delegates—Robert Lyon, E. M. Walker. Alternates—John Fleming, Christian Hanson. Past Commanders—Joseph Upham, Joseph Reinhardt, Curtis E. Price, J. K. McComber, S. E. Fishel. Post Commander—R. W. Cummings.

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, 52 Members.

Delegates—J. B. Scott, R. G. Huston, J. H. Jacksen. Alternates—Thomas Rafferty, O. B. Benson, Patrick Fox. Past Commanders—P. R. Dolman, C. S. Shoemaker, Harry C. Kessler, C. S. Warren, J. D. Jenks, L. E. Holmes, John Raley. Post Commander—J. J. York.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, 154 Members.

Delegates—John Moffitt, Richard Hoback, F. P. Sterling, H. C. Yaeger, John C. Major. Alternates—Chas. Horn, Abraham Thomas, William A. Haven, J. B. Loomis. Past Commanders—Thomas P. Fuller, Robert C. Wallace, Junius G. Sanders, R. A. Craig, George W. Shaw, Robert E. Fisk, H. F. C. Kleinschmidt. Post Commander—Ed. S. Walker.

Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge, 22 Members.

Delegates—John F. Vaughn, John Keiley. Alternates—J. W. Fox, Stephen Glover. Past Commanders—D. J. McMillan, H. H. Zenor, Lew Coleman, H. A. Smurr, James H. Mills. Post Commander—B. F. Martz.

Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan, 24 Members.

Delegates—William Hall, A. D. Rossiter. Alternates—J. R. Comfort, Mark Brown. Past Commanders—E. L. Dickinson, L. D. Moore, O. T. Parmeter. Post Commander—G. W. Rightenour.

Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City, 23 Members.

Delegates—George Burns, S. B. Page. Alternates—Joseph Hoffman, A. E. Gloyd. Past Commanders—J. E. Callaway, H. N. Blake, Eugene Stark, J. B. Carruthers, Steve Gainer, F. P. Cox, John W. Davis. Post Commander—J. B. Howe.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston, 53 Members.

Delegates—William Greene, A. E. Owens, A. Harris. Alternates—N. Ebert, O. Button, William Redfield, A. B. Hicks. Past Commanders—P. Hoopes, George T. Chambers, T. W. Wright, G. W. Grant, John Skillen, H. J. Hoppe. Post Commander—H. W. Bingham.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon, 17 Members.

Delegates—Benjamin Bond, Thomas Loughridge. Alternates—J. Riche, T. M. O'Connor. Past Commanders—Otto Klem, David Lamont. Post Commander—Benjamin Bond.

William English Post No. 10, Bozeman, 82 Members.

Delegates—G. O. Eaton, J. W. Sanderson, J. W. Swan, G. W. Flanders. Alternates—J. A. McElroy, J. H. Nixon, W. Scott, Mathew C. H. Sprague. Past Commanders—E. F. Ferris, J. M. Lindley, B. F. Osborn, W. T. Smith, R. Edwards, L. S. Willson. Post Commander—C. E. Lancaster.

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula, 30 Members.

Delegates—F. Kennett, W. E. Bancroft, H. Lamont. Alternates—E. M. Tower, C. E. Atcherson, W. E. Potter. Past Commanders—John L. Sloan, Will Kennedy, C. W. Lombard, W. J. Livingston, Eli Fisher. Post Commander—T. J. McClung.

Thomas L. Cane Post No. 12, Glendive, 18 Members.

Representative—M. P. Wyman.

J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder, 30 Members.

Delegates—J. H. Nelson, Joel Breeze, M. Weber. Alternates—S. S. Street, Horace Taylor, Charles Sargent. Past Commanders—V. A. Cook, George TenEyck, N. S. Kellogg, George T. Cowen, Will Kennedy. Post Commander—Tom H. Boyse.

U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City, 29 Members.

Delegates—Abram Hall, Franklin Moran. Alternates—Wm. Harmon, Jacob Hirschfield. Post Commander—E. J. Carpenter.

John H. Logan Post No. 15, Billings, 27 Members.

Delegates— — Roberts, — Wallace. Alternates— — Van Wagner, — Hoskins. Past Commanders—Joseph Reinhardt. Lucius Whitney, M. C. Mains, E. C. Waters. J. R. Goss, A. P. Hart. Post Commander—Lucius Whitney.

George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda, 24 Members.

Delegates—W. W. Turney, B. W. Johnson. Alternates—A. Short, A. P. Stevens. Past Commanders—Austin B. Gates, T. C. Davidson, J. S. Wisner. Post Commander—T. C. Davidson.

Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls, 18 Members.

Delegates—Charles Taylor, F. Geo. Heldt. Alternates—G. H. Armstrong, E. M. W———. Past Commanders—D. C. McGill, Charles Taylor. Post Commander—J. O. Gregg.

James A. Shields Post No. 19, Livingston, 27 Members.

Delegates—

Alternates—

Past Commanders—S. S. Harper, Benson H. Bowman.

Post Commander—

G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton, 21 Members.

Delegates—J. B. Donnelly, Thomas A. Cummings. Alternates—W. Gould Smith, J. C. Clark. Post Commander John C. Duff.

John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Grantsdale, 21 Members.

Delegates—

Alternates—

Post Commander A. J. Wilkerson.

R. HOBACK,

JOHN C. DUFF, .

GEORGE T. CHAMBERS,

Committee on Credentials.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

Reports of Officers.

The Ass't. Adj't. General made the following report:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

BOZEMAN, Montana, April 6, 1891.

Ed. F. Ferris, Department Commander:

COMRADE:—As required by the rules and regulations, I herewith submit to the Department my report of the transactions of this office for the year 1890.

On December 31, 1889, there were in good standing 18 Posts and 674 members. On December 31, 1890, there were 19 Posts and 689 members, a gain of one Post and fifteen members. The new Post is John C. Fremont No. 21, at Grantsdale, Missoula county, and was mustered September 27, 1890, by Chief Mustering Officer Comrade J. J. York.

Membership in good standing	December 31, 1889	-	674
GAINS—By Muster in	- - - - -	90	
By Transfer	- - - - -	21	
By Reinstatement	- - - - -	13	
By " from Delinquent Reports	- - - - -	3	
Total Gains	- - - - -		127
Aggregate	- - - - -		801

LOSSES—By Death	-	-	-	-	8
By Honorable Discharge	-	-	-	-	9
By Transfer	-	-	-	-	23
By Suspension	-	-	-	-	72
Total Loss	-	-	-	-	112

Number remaining in good standing - 689

Net gain of 15 members during the year.

There remained in this office a balance of \$46.17 from the year 1890, which has been expended for postage and expressage as shown by vouchers. Have also drawn on the A. Q. M. General for \$7, which has been expended for postage.

There has been expended during the year for the relief of comrades and their families \$444.15, an increase of \$274.65 over the previous year.

To yourself and my associates and to the comrades throughout the department with whom I have had official relations my thanks are due for the uniform courtesy with which I have been treated.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

BENJ. F. OSBORN, Ass't Adjt. Gen

The Ass't. Q. M. General made the following report:

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, }
OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. }

LIVINGSTON, Montana, April 8, 1891.

To the Council of Administration:

COMRADES:—I have the honor to present the following financial report of this department for the year ending April 1, 1891.

Balance on hand April 9, 1890	-	-	-	-	\$ 634.96
Receipts from per capita tax during fiscal year	-	-	-	-	539.50
Receipts from other sources	-	-	-	-	95.99
Total	-	-	-	-	\$1,270.45

CONTRA—

To Dep't per capita tax during fiscal year	\$ 39.41
To salary and fees to B. J. Osborn, A. A. G.	310.00
To postage and stamps	8.00
To Supplies and Printing	251.28

Total	-	-	-	-	\$608.99
Balance on hand	-	-	-	-	661.76

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Balance on hand, \$661.76.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

H. J. HOPPE, A. Q. M. General,

Department Montana.

The Inspector General made the following report:

Benjamin F. Osborn, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Department of Montana:

COMRADE:—I have the honor to submit herewith the

following as my report as Assistant Inspector General of this Department for the year just past.

It will be remembered that at our last Annual Encampment, it was suggested at least, and I am under the impression a resolution was adopted, that an Assistant Inspector should be appointed from each post in the Department, whose duty it should be to inspect their respective Posts and to make reports to the inspector general, the same to be used by him as data in making up his report, and thereby relieving him of the duty of visiting each Post as well as saving the traveling expenses which would naturally be incurred should the Inspector General visit the various Posts.

During the past year this plan was adopted and the Assistant Inspectors were appointed by our Department Commander, and I am pained to report that only six of the Inspectors appointed have made their inspection and sent me their reports.

In quite a number of cases considerable correspondence and solicitation was necessary on my part in order to get these Assistants to act, and as I have stated all but six Posts within this Department have failed entirely in sending in a report, and I very reluctantly state that such neglect on the part of the Post or Posts not only shows a lack of interest and discipline existing in the Posts themselves, but is also a reflection on the entire Department of Montana. In some cases where no reports have been made the Posts are numerically the strongest in the Department and we can see at once that the practical result is that we are not properly reported or represented by our Inspector General in his report to the National Encampment.

Now, as these inspections have been conducted by an Assistant Inspector, chosen from within its own members, it is not only natural but perhaps proper that such Assistant Inspectors should be somewhat biased in favor of his own Post, and in a second and more important view of it he inspects no other Post in the Department—hence there are as many official standards of discipline and efficiency as there are Posts. I would therefore respectfully recommend and if permitted urgently request that hereafter the Inspector General for this Department be required to visit all the Posts within the state and make the inspection required personally and in this manner he will be able to gather much data that will be found of value and benefit to our noble order, not only within but without this jurisdiction. I desire in this report to refer to one other subject.

I find that the blanks sent out to the different Posts upon which the Assistant Inspectors are required to make their respective reports, do not conform or furnish sufficient data whereby the Inspector General of this Department

can make up such a report as required of him by the National Encampment. The forms of blanks referred to should be changed in this respect.

And now, finally, in closing this report, I will call attention of this Department to our successors, "The Sons of Veterans," for it cannot be disputed or even doubted for a moment that in a few short years these sons of ours are to take our places, and I am most happy to state that this order in Montana is in a flourishing condition. The Department is commanded by good and efficient officers, and the thought is a happy one when we reflect that there are now within the United States of America more than three hundred thousand of these noble sons of ours who, with the same purpose in view, the same great objects to accomplish, are marching steadily, bravely, proudly to the front, and under the same banner, the Starry Flag of the Free that has been maintained and upheld by you and I during the past. As stated, the time is not far distant when this Grand Army of the Republic must cease to exist forever; but its principles must still live, and there can be no more certain mode of this perpetuation than from inheritance, and the body of noble young men to whom we have referred taught to love liberty, to love their country, honor its constitution, and obey its laws, will constitute a force before which treason and anarchy will be powerless.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

F. P. STERLING, Inspector General.

The Department Chaplain made the following report:

HELENA, Montana, April 8, 1891.

Benj. F. Osborn, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith my report in compliance with Order No. 2, by Department Commander, dated Bozeman, Montana, May 4, 1890

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

BOZEMAN, Montana, May 4, 1890.

General Order No. 2.

I. The observance of May 30th as Memorial Day, with its beautiful ceremonies, is one of the duties peculiar to our organization, required by the Rules and Regulations, and it should be performed willingly and in a reverent spirit. No more fitting tribute can be offered in memory of our fellow Comrades than to decorate their graves with the choicest flowers of springtime entwined with the ever-green and laurel crowned with the emblems of the nation, which in its hour of peril they so faithfully defended.

II. Invitations should be extended to the Women's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, where such organiza-

tions are, and to all patriotic and liberty loving citizens generally to join with us in observing the day.

III. As May 30th is by law general inspection day for the Montana National Guard, and in order that they may take part in the services, Post Commanders will, in cities where there are organized companies of M. N. G's, confer with the commanding officers of such companies and arrange the hour for the memorial ceremonies so as not to interfere with the inspection.

IV. The custom of attending divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day should be continued, and to that end it is directed that Post Commanders and Chaplains arrange to have their respective Posts attend service in a body on that day, and all ministers of the gospel are requested to deliver an appropriate sermon in their places of worship.

V. Post Chaplains will forward to the Department Chaplain Rev. S. E. Snyder, Helena, on blanks furnished by the Department, a full report of the services on that day.

By Command of

Official: BENJ. F. OSBORN, ED. F. FERRIS,
Ass't Adj't. General. Dep't Commander.

Issued the following circular to Post Chaplains:

HELENA, Montana, May 13, 1890.

Circular No. 1, To Post Chaplains Department of Montana.

DEAR COMRADES:—I would respectfully call your attention to "General Order No. 2." from the Department Commander relative to the observance of May 30th as Memorial Day. A day sacred to the memory of the Nation's dead heroes who gave their lives for the preservation of the Union. No Nation can afford to forget its fallen heroes. Therefore let each Post Chaplain do his utmost to make Memorial Day what it should be, that when the remnant now living of the Grand Army of the Republic shall have been mustered out our children will revere the names, cherish their memory and perpetuate this beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the nation's heroes.

In order that we may have something to lay up in the Archiveries of the G. A. R. from this Department I would respectfully request each Post Chaplain to furnish to my address in Helena the following as soon after May 30th as possible:

- 1st. No. of G. A. R. in line.
- 2nd. No. of old Soldiers not members of the G. A. R. in line.
- 3rd. Military, Civic and other organizations in line.
- 4th. No. of graves decorated.
- 5th. Death roll for year ending May 30th 1889.

Yours in F. C. and L.

S. E. SNYDER, Department Chaplain.

Circular No. 1 was sent to each Post in the Depart-

ment. I have received reports from the following Post Chaplains: S. K. Fishel, John Buford, Post No. 1.; E. Capple, Wm. English, Post No. 10.; E. K. Chapman, U. S. Grant Post No. 14.

No reports from the remaining 17 Posts in the Department. In the absence of a report from the several Posts we do not infer that they did not observe "Memorial Day" but failed to comply with the request in Circular No. 1 and obey the order of the Department Commander.

With sadness we are compelled to report the names of eight comrades:

Ross Deegan, Waldsworth Post No. 3.
Geo. E. Staples, Waldsworth Post No. 3.
George Reeder, Farragut Post No. 7.
Thomas M. Jones, Wm. English Post No. 10.
Peter Stroup, Wm. English Post No. 10.
J. L. Sanborn, Wm. English Post No. 10.
W. J. Livingston, Fred Wintrop Post No. 11.
James Huges, U. S. Grant Post No. 14.

who have answered the call and have been mustered out. Their presence we miss in our annual gathering. We can only wait in the line of duty until the Great Commander shall call us to the Grand Re-union above.

Respectfully submitted

S. E. SNYDER, Department Chaplain.

The Chief Mustering officer made the following report:

Being oral he in substance reported that he had performed such duties as fell to him; that he had mustered in one new Post, John C. Fremont Post No. 21 at Grantsdale, Missoula County.

The report of the Delegates to the National Encampment being called for the delegates stated that they had made a written report to the Department Commander. This report not being at hand further time was granted Comrade Fiske of Post 3 to make a special report. Comrade Fiske, Post 3 and Comrade Dolman Post 2 made an oral report on the work of the National Encampment and the incidents occurring at the great parade in Boston of 80,000 veterans. It seems that the Montana delegation of three maintained their full share of the streets of Boston and the plaudits of the spectators in the parade. In the modesty of their narration of the events the delegates would give to his comrade delegate the benefit of being the sole attraction, but as a whole the Department Encampment were impressed by the reports with the fact that no bashfulness and oversensitiveness on the part of their delegates to the Boston Encampment had the effect of withdrawing attention from them. Neither was a "tenderfoot" in Boston and no doubt their cry of "Ora Y Plata" had the effect of startling the quiet streets of the old Puritan City.

Comrade H. C. Yeager Post No. 3 made a supplementary report on the same subject. He had carried the Flag of the Department in the parade and from the report of the

delegates helped to draw attention to the fact that Montana "was in it."

The Council of Administration made the following report:

ANACONDA, Montana, April 9th 1891.

The Council of Administration met. Present, Department Commander E. F. Ferris, Comrades H. C. Yeager and J. S. Wisner and Acting Ass't Adj't Gen'l Geo. T. Chambers.

The Ass't Adj't Gen'l's report showing a balance of \$20 on hand was approved.

The Report of the Committee on printing showing expenditures of \$96 for printing the proceedings of the Fifth and Sixth Annual Department Encampments was approved.

The report of the Ass't Q. M. Gen'l showing a balance of \$662.76 was found correct except error of \$1 in favor of the Ass't Q. M. Gen'l. With this exception the report was approved.

The Council of Administration impresses upon Post Adjutants and Quartermasters the necessity of making their reports promptly at the end of each term as it is impossible for the Ass't Adj't Gen'l and the Ass't Q. M. Gen'l to make up their reports until the Post reports are all in.

HENRY C. YEAGER,

J. S. WISNER,

GEO. T. CHAMBERS, A. A. A. G.

Council of Administration.

The Judge Advocate made the following Report:

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

ANACONDA, April 9th 1891.

B. F. Osborne, Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit this my report as Judge Advocate of the Department for the past year:

I find that the duties of the office and the salary connected therewith are synonymous—that is to say—there is none of either. Believing as I do that there is no man within the limits of the Grand Encampment of ours better fitted to fill an office where there is nothing to do than the undersigned, and trusting that my services in this regard have been properly appreciated by the Department Commander

I am Sir Very Respectfully

H. S. HOWELL, Judge Advocate.

On motion the reports of officers were referred to a Committee consisting of Comrades P. R. Dolman of Post 2, Thomas Loughridge of Post 8, Abram Hall of Post 14, and Pierce Hughes of Post 7.

The Department Commander appointed the following as the Committee on Resolutions: Comrade J. W. Sander-

son of Post 10, Comrade L. E. Holmes of Post 2, Comrade Will Kennedy of Post 13.

Circular letter from the Commander in Chief in reference to the National Encampment at Detroit, Mich., was read and on motion was referred to the delegates to be elected to the National Encampment.

The following Communication from the Montana Division of the Sons of Veterans was read:

HEADQUARTERS MONTANA }
DIVISION S. V. U. S. A. }
HELENA, Mont. June 16-17, 1890.

WHEREAS there was adopted at the last Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the following resolution:

“WHEREAS We recognize the fact that we, of the old, must soon through natural causes, give way to the new, we recognize further, that the old Veterans must of necessity, have their habits largely fixed while those who are to come after us, and take our places are still largely in the formative periods of their characters and must also, of necessity, be subject to any influence which would be adverse to their growing into loyal patriotic men and good citizens; and

WHEREAS, While there may be some reasonable degree of doubt as to the ill effects on the old Soldiers of the custom of serving wine at our encampments, there can be no possible doubt as to its effects on the young men who are the future hope of our country; and

WHEREAS, We cannot in justice to ourselves and our duty to our Common Country, consent to stand sponsors for anything that will tend to the promotion of bad morals and bad habits; therefore be it

Resolved. As the sense of this Encampment that we regard with loving thoughts and filial affection our Military heirs and lineal successors the Sons of Veterans of the Division of Montana and desire in every possible way within our power to encourage them in the principles of patriotism, loyalty and good citizenship; be it

Resolved, Further that in the exercise of our most solemn convictions we feel that we should lay the axe at the root of the evil and therefore declare that in all future banquets of the G. A. R. of this Department where wine is to be served that sound judgment will show to the Sons of Veterans that we are doing our simple duty in not inviting them to participate therein; and that such occasions shall be sacred to the old Veterans themselves; be it

Resolved, Further. that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Division Commander, Sons of Veterans, Department of Montana.

Signed,

F. P. STERLING,
S. E. SNYDER,
GEO. O. EATON,

Committee.”

And WHEREAS, The said resolution is directed to the Organization of the Sons of Veterans; as is therein stated with a view of benefitting the order; and

WHEREAS, Said resolution does not confine itself to the organization as an organization but goes further and casts a serious reflection upon every member of the order; and

WHEREAS, The respective members of our order feel that, although the Grand Army of the Republic may have thought they were doing something for the benefit of the Sons of Veterans by passing such resolutions, believe that the same

was wholly unwarranted and casts a bad reflection not only upon our order, but upon each individual member thereof and brings their honor and reputation into question; and

WHEREAS, This organization and each and every individual member thereof, believes that every son of a veteran has arrived at the age of discretion and is possessed of at least some honor and dignity, and prides himself on a good reputation; and

WHEREAS, The said resolutions question such honor and dignity and attacks our reputation by insinuating that the individual members of our organization are not possessed of good morals, are so far beyond the control of our own good judgment as not to be able to withstand temptation or refrain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and are not capable of conducting ourselves in public; and

WHEREAS, It is the unanimous sentiment of this Encampment and each individual member thereof that such accusations and insinuations should be resented and that we should show to the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana that we feel the insult that has been cast upon us and that we feel that we are men and capable of conducting ourselves as men and that we are possessed of sufficient honor to enable us to sustain the good reputation that we deem that we possess, and not degrade ourselves as to sacrifice such honor and reputation by giving ourselves up to vices that the Grand Army of the Republic suggest; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn the action of the Grand Army of the Republic in passing the Resolution in so far as it brings the honor and reputation of our order and the individual members thereof in question and casts reflection upon our good name and standing as an organization and individuals; be it further

Resolved, That no member of this organization attend any gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana either where liquor is, or is not used until the said Grand Army shall by proper resolution retract that which it has said to our detriment; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commander of the Montana Division of the G. A. R. and to the Commander of each Post of said Division.

N. J. O'BRIEN,
GEO. O. FREEMAN,
GEO. F. DOUGHERTY,
J. W. ELLICKSON,
JNO. KELLY,

Committee.

Comrade Warren Post Department Commander moved the repeal of the resolution adopted at the last Encampment referred to in the communication of the Sons of Veterans and spoke eulogically of the Sons of Veterans as an organization and the chairman of the committee of the Sons of Veterans with whom he said he was personally acquainted and whose honorable record as a business man of Butte was a guarantee that anything he took in hand had merit.

The motion was seconded by Comrade Yeager of Post 3 and many other comrades.

Comrade L. E. Holmes of Post 2 moved as an amendment that the communication be referred to the committee who had reported the resolutions at the last encampment, which amendment was seconded by Comrade Dolman of

Post 2 who made extended remarks in favor of the amendment.

Comrade Eaton of Post 10 spoke on the question at length explanatory of the circumstances attending the framing of the resolutions, denying that any slur was intended to be cast upon the Sons of Veterans as an organization or upon any individual member thereof but claiming that the resolutions were justified and such that should have been passed, and read the resolutions as then passed.

Comrade Sterling, Post 3, spoke on the question of the amendment narrating the facts in relation to the passing of the resolutions, justifying their passage but avering no reflection upon the Sons of Veterans was intended thereby.

Comrade Snyder, Post 3, also spoke to the same effect.

Comrade Sanders, Post Department Commander, spoke in favor of the amendment seconding the motion of Comrade Holmes and on a vote the amendment was carried and the subject matter was referred to a committee consisting of

Comrade Eaton, Post 10.

Comrade Sterling, Post 3.

Comrade Snyder, Post 3.

Comrade Holmes, Post 2.

Comrade Zenor, Post 4.

Comrade Sanders, Past Department Commander in the Chair read the following communications:

HELENA, Montana, April 8th, 1891.

To the Comrades G. A. R. in Department Encampment, Anaconda, Montana.

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—In my absence from your midst will some of you kindly urge that all Posts of the G. A. R. in Montana prepare as soon as possible and send to me a corrected list of the deceased comrades whose graves you know. Giving the name of each comrade in full, his rank, Company, Regiment and State enlisted from, with as near as possible his age and date of death, and where now resting. I may help you to have prepared and sent to you by the Government stones to set up to mark their graves.

And believe me ever yours in F. C. & L.

GEO. W. SHAW.

HELENA, Montana, April 8th, 1891.

To the Comrades G. A. R. in Department Encampment Anaconda, Montana.

COMRADES—I had hoped to be with you to interest you in helping me to secure the organization of a Woman's Relief Corps wherever there is a Post of the G. A. R.

Urgent business keeps me in Helena, but allow me to urge you to do all you can in each of your respective Posts to secure a Woman's Relief Corps.

If you will address me, applying for blanks for charter

with copy of Rules and Regulations, and render any other assistance I can to help on the good work. Our W. R. C. No. 1, in Helena, is a great success and has already rendered much assistance to worthy comrades and their destitute families. We are greatly desirous to organize six more W. R. C's. in Montana before July 1st, 1891. Will you help the ladies to organize so they may help the "old boys?" Let me hear from many of you soon.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. W. SHAW.

The committee on Department Badge made the following report:

HELENA, Montana, December 4th, 1890.

*Benjamin F. Osborn, A. A. G. Department of Montana
G. A. R., Bozeman, Montana:*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—As an additional member of the committee on "Department Badges," I desire to make a preliminary report with a view of stating where the Department Badge matter rests at present. Previous to the adjournment of last congress, I was unable to get any response to my letters on the subject from Comrade Sanders, who is chairman of the committee above referred to. While in town recently I had several conversations with him upon the subject and suggested to him that a silver brick, costing about four dollars, and which was used by Comrade Fiske and others at the last Annual Encampment possessed within it a nucleus of an idea upon which we might work and bring out something practical in way of the desired result. Comrade Sanders did not specially fall in with that idea and suggested that he had an idea of a bronze or silver casting to be made in the form of a medal, and also had made some preliminary arrangements looking towards having it cast. He said he would take up the matter again as soon as he went to Washington and try and put it through to success. I was compelled to be satisfied with this and after trying to urge upon him the importance of immediate action, so that the result, whatever it is, might be ready for the next Annual Encampment, I was compelled to leave the matter. I remain very respectfully

Yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON.

Comrade Eaton made a supplementary oral report on the matter.

Comrade Yeager, Post 3, urged prompt action on the badges, as did Comrades Kennedy, Post 13, and Dolman, Post 2.

On motion of Comrade Warren, Post 2, the question was referred to the original committee, Comrades Sanders and Eaton, and the A. A. General was instructed to notify Comrade Sanders that a report would be expected to be

made to the Council of Administration in sixty days.

The following report from the committee on printing was read:

Ed. F. Ferris, Department Commander:

The committee on printing have the honor to report that having received bids from the "Herald," "Independent" and "Journal" of Helena, and the "Chronicle" of Bozeman, for the printing of 250 copies of the proceedings of the Fifth and Sixth Annual Encampments, and that Mr. A. K. Yerkes of the "Chronicle" being the lowest, \$96.00, was awarded the contract and the same was printed and distributed to the different Posts in the Department and to the national officers of the G. A. R.

In F. C. and L.,

BENJ. F. OSBORN, A. A. G.

The special committee on order of business appointed at the last encampment to report at this, made the following report:

Order of Business for the State Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

The public or open session will be held in advance of regular session, which, under the rules and regulations, is required to be secret.

Order of Business for Open Session.

1. Calling Encampment to Order in open session.
2. Prayer by Chaplain.
3. Address of Welcome by representative of local Post.
4. Response by Department Commander or representative selected by him.
5. Welcome to Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies' Aid Society to the Sons of Veterans and other invited guests.
6. Response to same.
7. Close of Open Session.

Order of Business for Regular Session.

1. Opening of Department Encampment in due form.
2. Calling roll of Officers.
3. Report of committee on credentials.
4. Calling roll of members.
5. Reports of officers, beginning with that of Department Commander.
6. Appointment of proper number of committees of three each, to whom shall be referred the reports of officers.
7. Reception and reference of communications from Posts to be called according to seniority.
8. Reception and reference of communications from individuals.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Election and installation of officers (if it is desired that the installation be public, a recess is taken for that purpose).
13. Closing exercises.
14. This Order of Business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose by a two-thirds vote of the Department Encampment, to be taken without debate.

For the purpose of expediting the business of future Encampments, it is recommended that a committee on credentials, consisting of three members (of which the Assistant Adjutant General shall be chairman) be appointed by the Department Commander in advance of the time of meeting of the Encampment to the end that such committee may be ready to present its report of membership when that particular order of business is reached as recommended above.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON,

R. E. FISK,

W. T. COLLINS,

Committee.

Comrade Eaton made explanatory remarks and on motion the report of the committee was adopted.

Communications from Jacob F. Schmalsle, ex-Quartermaster Sergeant U. S. Grant Post No. 14, in reference to his court martial were read. Post Department Commander Warren explained his action thereon. Comrades Snyder and Hall of Post 14 gave a synopsis of the record and action of the court of which they were members. The communications and the question at issue was on motion referred to the Judge Advocate to be elected for investigation with full power to call on the court for the records in the case.

The Encampment received an invitation from the Hon. Marcus Daly, manager of the Anaconda Company, inviting it to visit the smelters. The invitation was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered to Mr. Daly for the invitation.

On motion a recess was ordered to 8 o'clock p. m. After recess, that being the order of business, the election of officers was proceeded with.

Comrade Eaton placed in nomination the name of Comrade Harry C. Kessler of Post 2, in a speech replete with compliments to the nominee for his services in the work of the G. A. R. The nomination was seconded by a number of comrades, and there being no other names proposed the nominations were closed and the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for Comrade Harry C. Kessler for Department Commander. The ballot being cast Comrade Harry C. Kessler of Lincoln Post No. 2 was declared duly elected as Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade John L. Sloane of Fred Winthrop Post No. 11 was placed in nomination for Senior Vice Commander and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for the Comrade as Senior Vice Commander. The ballot being cast John L. Sloane was declared duly elected as Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade John C. Duff of G. K. Warren Post No. 20 was placed in nomination for Junior Vice Commander and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for Comrade Duff as Junior Vice Commander. The ballot being cast, Comrade John C. Duff was declared duly elected Junior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Dr. L. E. Holmes of Lincoln Post No. 2 was placed in nomination for medical director, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for Comrade Holmes as Medical Director. The ballot being cast Dr. L. E. Holmes of Lincoln Post No. 2 was declared duly elected as Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade J. W. Sanderson of William English Post No. 10 was placed in nomination for chaplain, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for Comrade Sanderson as chaplain. The ballot being cast Comrade J. W. Sanderson of William English Post No. 10 was declared duly elected as chaplain.

Comrades Will Kennedy of Post 13, John H. Davis of Post 6, Geo. W. Flanders of Post 10, James H. Mills of Post 4, and J. S. Wisner, of Post 16 were placed in nomination as members of the Council of Administration, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for the comrades as the Council of Administration. The ballot was cast as instructed and Will Kennedy of Post 13, John H. Davis of Post 6, Geo. S. Flanders of Post 10, J. H. Mills of Post 4 and J. S. Wisner of Post 16, were declared duly elected as the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

Comrades A. O. Simons of Post 3 and Lester S. Wilson of Post 10 were placed in nomination for delegates to the National Encampment, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for the comrades for delegates to the National Encampment. The ballot being cast Comrades A. O. Simons of Post 3 and Lester S. Wilson of Post 10 were declared duly elected as delegates to the National Encampment.

Comrades George W. Armstrong of Post 18 and T. C. Davidson of Post 16 were placed in nomination for alternates to the National Encampment, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for the comrades as alternates to the National Encampment. The ballot being cast as ordered Comrades George W. Armstrong of Post 18 and T. C. Davidson of Post 16 were declared duly elected as alternates to the National Encampment.

The location of the place where the next Department Encampment should be held being in order, Missoula was placed in nomination, and there being no other nominations the Acting Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast a ballot for Missoula. The ballot being cast as instructed Missoula was declared as having been duly elected as the place where the next Department Encampment would be held.

The committee to whom the matter of the communication of the Sons of Veterans was referred, reported as follows:

ANACONDA, Montana, April 9th, 1891.

To the Department Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Montana:

Your committee, to whom was referred the series of resolutions adopted at the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, held at Helena, Montana, June 16-17, 1890, beg leave to return the same herewith, together with the following resolutions, which final resolutions we recommend be adopted as the sense of this Encampment.

WHEREAS, At the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in 1890, at Livingston, a series of resolutions were passed, declaring it as the sense of that organization that at their annual banquets where wine is to be served, prudence, patriotism and sound judgment demand that all persons not members of the Grand Army be rigidly excluded, and such occasions be held as sacred to the members of the organization only; and

WHEREAS, The Sons of Veterans have resented the same by a series of resolutions passed at their next Annual Encampment, in which they declare that the Department has cast a serious reflection upon each individual member of the Sons of Veterans, has brought their individual honor and reputation into question, etc., and have also resolved that they will absent themselves from all gatherings of the Grand Army until such alleged obnoxious resolutions be retracted; now, therefore be it

Resolved. That the inferences drawn from said resolutions passed at the Livingston Encampment, are unwarranted by anything contained or implied therein, and that the spirit of the same has been totally perverted.

Resolved, That we renew our assurances of love and parental affection as previously and upon many occasions expressed for the Sons of Veterans and kindred organizations, and must respectfully adhere to the belief, also previously stated, that whenever at our annual banquets wine is to be served, all individuals not old soldiers of the war of '61-'65 should be excluded; and that thereby we cannot and do not mean any reflection whatever upon the character of those excluded.

Resolved, That upon reviewing our previous action we find nothing therein which can justly be construed as a reflection upon anyone, and we therefore have nothing whatever to retract.

Resolved, That we have seen with regret the spirit in which the Sons of Veterans have judged of our action, touching their presence at our Annual Department banquets, and that in our opinion their action has been hasty and without due deliberation.

Resolved, That we therefore return the resolutions passed

by the Sons of Veterans, with our assurance of continued esteem and ask that they reconsider their action and decision.

GEO. O. EATON,
F. P. STERLING,
L. E. HOLMES,
H. H. ZENOR,
S. E. SNYDER.

Committee.

The report of committee was on motion received. Comrade Warren of Post 2 offered the following as an amendment and an additional resolution to those offered by the committee:

Resolved. That at all future banquets of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, we recommend that no wine, spirituous or malt liquors be served or permitted in the banquet hall.

The amendment being seconded the debate thereon was participated in by Comrades Warren, Eaton, Wyman, Edwards, McCluny, Jenks and others, Comrades Warren and Wyman warmly favoring the amendment, aided by Comrade Yeager, so as to earn from the comrades of the Encampment the sobriquet of "reformers."

Comrade Warren withdrew his resolution for the purpose of allowing action on report of the committee.

Comrades Will Kennedy and McCluny made earnest remarks in favor of the report, and upon a vote the report of the committee was adopted.

Upon the taking up of Comrade Warren's resolution and a vote thereon it was lost.

The committee on the Department Commander's address reported as follows:

ANACONDA, Montana, April 9th, 1891.

To the Department Encampment, Montana. G. A. R.

COMRADES—Your committee, to which was referred the address of the Department Commander, begs leave to report as follows:

We approve the recommendation that the dues of deserving but delinquent comrades be remitted by the Posts in preference to suspension of the delinquents, of course taking into consideration the cause which brought about the delinquency.

The recommendation in favor of the holding of frequent camp fires is heartily approved.

Concerning the suggestions of the commander as to the Department Badge, the Encampment has already taken action.

While the funds in the hands of the Quartermaster General seems considerable at present, it does not show a sufficient increase during the past year to warrant the approval of the suggestion of the department commander to appropriate part of it to pay the expenses of the Annual Encampment. A few Posts for the succeeding two or three years might be benefitted, but to maintain such a system

would probably require an increase in the Department dues, which we deem unwise.

We approve of the idea that every school house should have displayed the American flag, and we believe that the idea should be brought into effect by the voluntary act of the people, incited and assisted as far as possible by the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We endorse the recommendation that Posts should further the organization of Women's Relief Corps as auxiliary to the respective Posts.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

WILL KENNEDY,

JOHN L. SLOANE,

P. R. DOLMAN,

Committee.

It was ordered that the comrades meet at the Montana hotel at 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow to accept the invitation of Hon. Marcus Daly to visit the smelters.

A recess was taken to partake of a banquet given at the Montana hotel to the Encampment and its friends by George G. Meade Post and the citizens of Anaconda.

The Banquet.

The comrades of the Encampment filed into their places at the tables ranged around the spacious dining room of the Montana hotel. The Sons of Veterans were assigned places at the tables and ladies graced the occasion with their presence. An excellent menu was provided and at the signal the "boys" fell to with the old time zest, when "rations" were short and "foraging parties" had to supply the deficiency. After fully satisfying even an artificial hunger, Comrade T. C. Davidson of George G. Meade Post No. 16, of Anaconda, called the banqueters to order and in a few introductory and complimentary remarks introduced Comrade Dolman of Post 2, as toastmaster, who announced the first toast of the evening would be: "The Grand Army of the Republic," and called upon Comrade Frank P. Sterling to respond, who replied in an eloquent review of the many armies of history that had marched and fought to fame.

He said: "It is not necessary to go back to the time of Hannibal, to the time of Cæsar and Pompey. Nor is it necessary to refer to Frederick the Great with his disciplined and victorious army and many conquests won. No; we can look back with pride to the army of Washington. We see them at Bunker Hill and at Valley Forge, reduced to fragments of army without supplies; yet led by Washington they marched steadily forward to a most glorious victory. A victory that made America "The land of the free and the home of the brave." Did I say "the land of the free?" Comrades, you who are here are the true representatives of the true Grand Army which gave to this country

the rightful title of "the land of the free." Thirty years ago this month General Scott, under orders from our commander in chief—that greatest patriot this world ever saw—Abraham Lincoln, [applause] commanded the organization of an army of which we are the representatives today. That army went forth to do the duty assigned it. From loving homes, from offices, from factories, from stores, they went in answer to their country's call. What hardships they encountered tongue can never tell. No one will ever know. That same army struggled until victory crowned its efforts. The Starry Flag was kept on high, the chains and bonds of four millions of slaves were forever broken. This great country then only truly became the "land of the free." The work was done by the Grand Army of the Republic, and it was nobly done."

Comrade Wyman of Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, was called upon to respond to the next toast, "The Sons of Veterans."

He spoke of the contrast between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans. It was, he said, like the difference between spring and autumn. When we think how soon we, who fought for our country, will be laid away, it is gratifying to know that it will be safe in the hands of the Sons of Veterans. They will take up the thread where we have dropped it. They will carry on the work we have laid down. They will be found in the legislatures and in the executive chair. They will always be found where a good man is wanted, because they are sons of men who fought for the country when its fate was in the balance. We look back to the days when we donned the blue. Then we were a nation only in name. Then four millions of men were not free to the rights which God had vouchsafed them. But we changed this and today this is a nation, and all men living under its flag are free. The Sons of Veterans represent the better element of the land; the highest type of American citizens. When these tottering frames shall walk no more; when these hairs shall cease to grow gray, we will find marching behind us with reversed arms and bowed heads the young men who will shed a tear on the grave of him who gave him the position of a Son of a Veteran. (Continued applause.)

"While the Grand Army Assembles" was then sung, Professor Firch of Butte, a Son of a Veteran, leading, and all joining in the chorus.

"Our Flag," the next toast, was responded to by Department chaplain Rev. S. E. Snyder of Post 3. He said: All nations have a national emblem. When our forefathers landed on this continent they did not have what we now understand to be our flag. It savored very much of Great Britain. "It was English, you know." But there came a time in the history of our forefathers when they wished to

eliminate everything that savored of England, and they did. They made for themselves the flag that was followed to victory by the armies of Washington. It brightened the seas as it floated from the goff of the constitution. Our flag came to us by inheritance, but we have made it ours by preservation. You who are here tonight know what it has cost to preserve that flag. A million lives and six billions of dollars. Yet our flag has floated on the breezes of heaven only for a little over a century, but by the determination of men and the will of God it will so float for centuries to come. It seems to me I can hear the tread of untold millions who shall be here and call this "our flag." "Long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

"Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching," was then sung with a will.

"The National Encampment" was the next toast, and was responded to by Comrade Dolman, one of the delegates thereto. He said: The National Encampment is where private soldiers and generals of the army meet upon a common level. [Applause.] The last Encampment was at Boston. The state appropriated \$100,000, Boston \$50,000 and the citizens of that city \$75,000 for the occasion, and \$220,000 of it was spent in entertaining the Grand Army men. We had a grand time. Inside the Encampment was no less a person than Hannibal Hamlin, who served a hundred days and was yet a member of the Grand Army. Within a few feet of him was the gallant Sherman [applause] and by his side sat a private soldier. Montana had a great concourse of those men. [Laughter.] Messrs. Fisk, Yeager and your humble servant. In order that Montana might not get lost in the shuffle, Fisk demanded the right of a regiment, and before us was a space of fifty feet and behind us the same, and we maintained that distance, notwithstanding that there were 80,000 men in line. Comrade Yaeger carried our banner. When we passed the stand where the president of the United States was sitting, with Sherman sitting by his side, they held their breath and then exclaimed: "Why, that's Montana!" The whole city of Boston was aware of the fact that Montana was represented. (O, Dolman, thy name is modesty.) The president and the secretary of the navy had ordered a naval review to take place in the harbor, and the Encampment special boats to witness it. We steamed out to the New York and saw the naval manœuvres. What drew our attention most was the torpedo boat, Cushing, that would make its thirty miles an hour and could run all around us. Some people may be alarmed when a little country across the sea waves her flag at us, but from what I saw that day I do not think that we may be, at least we old soldiers are not.

Comrade Eaton responded to the toast, "The Army and Navy," in an elegant panegyric on the deeds and achievements of the American army and navy, and closing said: "The brightest honors, the greatest civic gifts, should be laid at the feet of those noble sons who on land and sea joined hands to make the country free for all time. Their names will shine on the pages of history as bright as the stars themselves."

"Marching through Georgia," was then sung, all joining.

Comrade Sanderson, department chaplain elect, next responded to the toast of "The Ladies." Embarrassing as it is to handle this subject, Comrade Sanderson fairly acquitted himself. Bashful and diffident at first, as it was only natural to expect, when fairly launched into the subject he warmed to it. He said that the women of the land were the inspiration of the soldiers. The mothers who gave their children, the wives who surrendered their husbands to the country and the girls who in tears saw their lovers march away to war made sacrifices of the heart that the angels treasured up as an offering to God to grant His mercy and blessings to the nation. He prayed that God would bless them and make the army of women after His noblest pattern.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" was then sung.

Major Martin Maginnis next responded to the toast, "The Volunteer Soldier." Almost all of the comrades of the department have at one time or another heard the major speak. At the banquet he was in his happiest view. After reciting many stories at his own expense, he said: "No volunteers were to be found in the middle ages or under monarchies. In this country, however, the armies are made up with volunteers. He came in with Washington. When the serpent of session placed his flag on Fort Sumpter he enrolled himself in the ranks. He sacrificed his hopes, his career: he marched, fought and fell. Let any age say that the cheeks of American wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, lovers blanched with fear; but thank God it can never be said that they had occasion to blush for the cowardice or misdeeds of the volunteer. I believe in an American army and navy which not only protect our coast, but will insure any power from insulting our flag. We, the volunteers, have made our mark. We have set our example in the pages of history. That example, the record of our trials and sufferings, will go down to these Sons of Veterans and will insure American glory, notwithstanding any troubles or danger that may come to our government.

Post Department Commander Warren responded to the toast. "George G. Meade Post and the Citizens of An-

aconda." He thanked the Post in behalf of the Department for the very generous treatment awarded by it to the Department Encampment. The thanks of the Encampment are also due to the citizens of Anaconda for their kindly treatment to the old soldiers visiting amongst them. The Grand Army of the Republic is to be complimented upon the fact that for the first time in the history of Montana Department their banquets had been free from liquor. [Cries of laughter and applause.] I am glad to see Meade Post set the example. Nowhere in the Department will you find a better Post and nowhere in Montana will you find a city that has made the strides which Anaconda has in the last five years. The Montana hotel is a magnificent monument to the enterprise of its citizens and would do credit even to Butte.

The pleasures of the night were brought to a close by singing "America" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Visit to the Smelters.

At 9 o'clock a. m. April 10th, the comrades assembled at the Montana hotel and marched in a body to visit the Anaconda smelters, the largest of their kind in the world. The visiting comrades were accompanied by the comrades of Meade Post and escorted through the works by Col. S. E. Esters, Mr. Otto Stallman, general superintendent of the works, and the superintendents of the different departments as they were come to on the trip. The ore was seen as it was dumped from the cars to the powerful steam crushers, into each of which was flowing a stream of water which carried the crushed ores on jigs and tables, from which all refuse rock was carried off, leaving only the mineral behind, thence to the slum houses where the concentrators were washed and stored, thence to the Breckner furnaces, where all base material was burnt from the ore; thence to the furnaces, where the ore was melted molten, from whence it came in a stream and upon cooling was copper matte, to be taken thence to the refinery, where the copper, gold and silver were separated and the metals in their purity came forth to supply the markets of the world. Nearly 4,000 tons of ore a day can be treated at these smelters, with a product of over 400 tons of copper per day, employing at the mines, smelters, taking out timber, coal and other supplies nearly 6,000 men. It took from 9 a. m. to 12 m. to make the tour of the works, the "boys" many of them, speaking of being tired, but saying they would not miss the trip for anything.

April 10th at 1 o'clock p. m. the Department was called to order by the Department Commander. Comrade Edwards was assigned to the Senior Vice Commander's chair in the absence of the Senior Vice Commander and Comrade John C. Duff to the chair of the chaplain.

Installation of Officers.

The Department Commander, leaving the chair, called upon Chief Mustering Officer J. J. York to take command of the Encampment. The Chief Mustering Officer instructed the officers of the day to present the officers-elect before the altar for installation.

Comrade John L. Sloane, Senior Vice Commander elect, John D. Duff, Junior Vice Commander elect, and Comrade L. E. Holmes, Medical Director elect, presented themselves before the altar and were duly installed by the Chief Mustering Officer, the Officer of the day conducting them to their respective chairs.

Comrade Harry C. Kessler, Department Commander elect, presented himself before the altar for installation and was duly installed by the Chief Mustering Officer and was by the Officer of the Day conducted to the Department Commander's chair.

Upon taking the chair the Department Commander thanked the Encampment for the honor conferred and for the confidence reposed in him, and said that his utmost endeavor would be put forth to keep the Department in its present high standing, seek to build up its membership when possible, but to do this he must have the hearty co-operation of every comrade in the Department. Again giving thanks for the honor conferred he announced the following named comrades as his official staff.

Comrade L. F. Wyman, of Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade H. C. Yaeger, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade Lucius Whitney, of John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings, Inspector General.

Comrade Pierce Hooper, of Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston, Chief Mustering Officer.

Comrade H. S. Howell, of Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City, Judge Advocate.

These comrades presenting themselves before the altar were duly installed.

The duties of the Chief Mustering Officer having been performed he was thanked by the Department Commander in the name of the Encampment and retired.

In the absence of the chaplain Comrade J. D. Jenks was assigned to the chaplain's chair. In making the assignment the Department Commander, remarking that in the absence of a duly ordained chaplain, the comrade came nearer to filling the place than any other comrade he knew of in the Encampment. The applause and comment following this remark showed that the Encampment was of the same opinion.

The committee on resolutions made the following report:

Resolved. That the hearty thanks of the Encampment are hereby tendered to George G. Meade Post No. 16 for the loyal

and generous reception given to the Encampment by the Post members; to the people of Anaconda for the cordial welcome they have given; to the Hon. Marcus Daly for the distinguished courtesy of a visit to the Anaconda works; to Colonel S. A. Estes, Mr. Otto Stallman and their associates for the kindness and attention shown by them in the trip through the mills and smelters, and to the railroad companies of Montana for their transportation courtesies.

Resolved. That this Encampment extends its hearty thanks to Commander Ed. F. Ferris for his attention and efficient labors as commander during the past year, and also to the field and staff officers who have given him such cordial support in his efforts to build up the Department.

On motion the resolutions were adopted as read and it was ordered that a copy thereof be furnished to the Anaconda Standard for publication.

The committee appointed on report of officers reported as follows:

ANACONDA, Montana, April 10th, 1891.

Department Commander.

Your committee appointed to examine the reports of the Department Officers beg leave to submit the following report:

We hereby recommend that the Post Commanders be required to have the Post Inspectors' reports forwarded to the Inspector General of the Department.

That all other matters contained in the Inspector General's report be approved.

The report of the Quartermaster General was examined and we recommend the same be approved.

We recommend that the report of the Council of Administration be approved and the suggestions therein contained relative to reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters be strictly complied with.

We have examined the Chaplain's report and recommend that it be approved.

We have examined the report of Benjamin F. Osborn, A. A. General of the Department, and find the same full and complete and the duties of his office we find have been performed in a systematic and business like manner and we believe to the satisfaction of the Department and recommend the approval of the same.

P. R. DOLMAN.

THOS. LOUGHRIDGE,

ABRAM HALL,

P. HOOPES,

Committee.

Comrade Sanders of Post 3 moved that the salary of the Adjutant General be fixed at \$150 for the ensuing year. Seconded. Comrade Fisk of Post 3 offered an amendment thereto in that the sum of \$150 or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Department Commander in visiting Posts and also that

the sum of \$50 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the National Delegations in opening Montana headquarters at the National Encampment.

The amendment being adopted by the mover of the original motion, the motion prevailed and the appropriations were ordered.

On motion the sum of \$30 was appropriated to defray the expenses of Chief Mustering Officer J. J. York in mustering in the new Post at Grantsdale.

The question of how such expenses should be paid created quite a debate, but it was the unanimous sentiment of the Encampment that this appropriation shall not establish a precedent, but that such expenses should be paid by the Post, and Comrade Eaton of Post 10 moved that hereafter the expense of the installation of a Post must be paid by the Post. Seconded by Comrade Will Kennedy of Post 13 and on a vote carried.

Comrade Sanders moved and it was seconded that Comrades Eaton, Powell and Sterling be appointed a committee on ritual for the installation of Department officers, to report at the next Encampment. Carried.

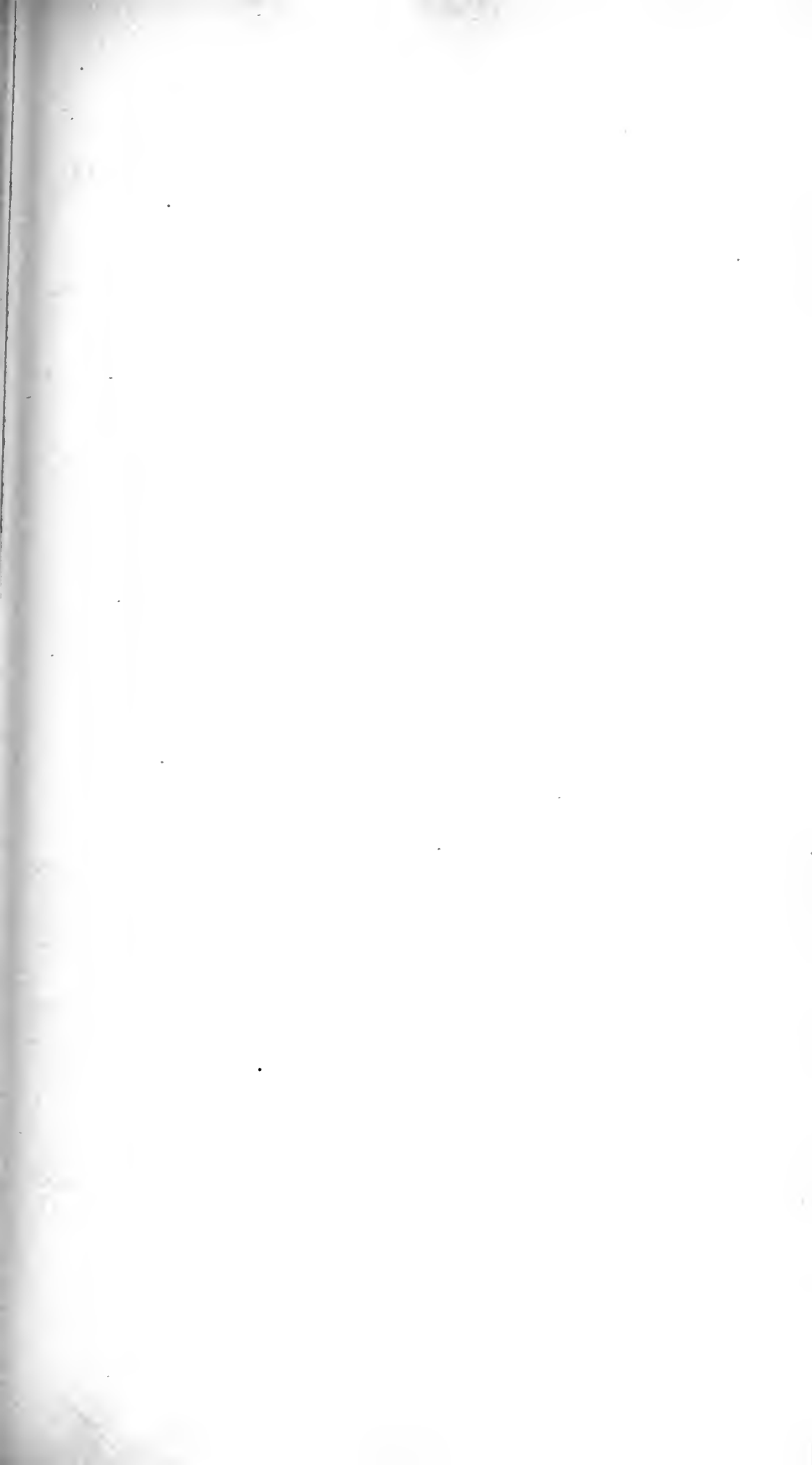
Comrade Sanders moved and it was seconded that the Assistant Adjutant General be empowered to print on a card the order of business for the Encampment. Carried.

Comrade Chambers moved and it was seconded that the sum of \$50 be appropriated to pay part of the expense of the delegates to the last National Convention in opening headquarters.

Comrade Davidson of Meade Post suggested the propriety of a parade to the depot on the adjournment of the Encampment.

The Encampment was duly closed by the Department Commander.

The Encampment, escorted by Meade Post, paraded through Anaconda to the depot, where on the platform an improvised concert took place, the "boys" singing old army songs, interspersed with cries of "beans, beans, beans," so that an onlooker might well say that Comrades Dolman, Fisk and Yaeger must have instilled into the comrades during the Encampment a part of the appetite they acquired for that æsthetic vegetable during the National Encampment at Boston. The songs they sang were rollicking, gay and pathetic, but when Comrade Wyman asked silence for his song and he sang it, tears were shed. The train pulled out amid the cheers and handshaking of the old comrades and the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was at an end.



DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

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SESSION 1892.

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Missoula, Montana, May 19th, 1892.

MISSOULA, Montana, May 19th, 1892.

The Eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, convened at 3 p. m., H. C. Kessler, Department Commander, in command.

A. A. General L. F. Wyman being unable to attend, on account of sickness, J. J. York of Lincoln Post No. 2 of Butte was appointed Acting A. A. General.

Roll of officers was called and the following officers were reported present:

H. C. Kessler, Commander.

John L. Sloane, Senior Vice Commander.

John C. Duff, Junior Vice Commander.

Jas. H. Mills, J. S. Wisner, Council of Administration.

Lester S. Wilson, Delegate to National Encampment.

T. C. Davidson, Alternate to National Encampment.

H. C. Yeager, A. Q. M. General.

L. Whitney, Inspector General.

Committee on Credentials, Fisk, Dolman and Morley, reported that their report was not ready, as the credentials could not all be found. The committee was directed to have a report ready for May 20th, at 9:30 a. m. The Encampment was then adjourned until that date and hour.

May 20th, 9:30 a. m.—Encampment convened pursuant to adjournment, H. C. Kessler in command.

Roll was called and the following officers reported present.

H. C. Kessler, Commander.

John L. Sloan, Senior Vice Commander.

John C. Duff, Junior Vice Commander.

Will Kennedy, James H. Mills and J. S. Wisner, Council of Administration.

Lester Wilson, Delegate to National Encampment.

T. C. Davidson, Alternate to National Encampment.

J. J. York, Acting A. A. General.

H. C. Yeager, A. Q. M. General.

L. Whitney, Inspector General.

H. S. Howell, Judge Advocate.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

COMMANDER—Your committee on credentials have the honor to report that they have examined such evidences as have been submitted to them of entitlement to seats and votes in this body. The committee is pleased to report that in a number of cases Posts have strictly complied with the rules and regulations and properly accredited their representatives to the sovereign body of the Grand Army of the Department. We regret to be obliged to say that in other and the majority of cases Posts have in this particular neglected a duty enjoined upon them, with the consequence that the committee has been obliged to mould the roster of membership to a model, the form of which is incomplete. To some extent the papers and records of the Department have sufficient information without which the Encampment would have been forced to proceed blindly with respect to the complete voting strength of the several Posts of the Department. To the best of information of the committee the following named delegates and present and past Department and Post Commanders are entitled to seats and full participation in the proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana.

Past Department Commanders.

Thomas P. Fuller, Helena; Charles S. Warren, Butte; E. C. Watters, Billings; J. G. Sanders, Helena; James E. Callaway, Virginia City; Ed. F. Ferris Bozeman.

John Buford Post No. 1, Fort Custer, 17 Members.

Commander ————. Past Post Commanders—Joseph Upham, Joseph Reinhard, C. E. Rice, J. R. McComber, S. R. Fischel, R. W. Cummings,

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, 48 Members.

J. G. Huston, delegate; P. H. Manchester, alternate; J. B. Glover, delegate; J. B. Scott, alternate; J. H. Jacksen, commander; Past Post Commanders—P. R. Dolman, C. S. Shoemaker, J. D. Jenks, L. E. Holmes, John Raley, J. J. York.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, 128 Members.

F. P. Sterling, Post Commander; R. H. Kleinschmidt, delegate; Richard Hoback, alternate; A. J. Washburn, delegate; J. B. Lomis, alternate; A. C. Votau, delegate; D. G. Silverman, alternate; Past Post Commanders R. C. Wallace, R. A. Craig, Geo. W. Shaw, R. E. Fisk, F. C. Kleinschmidt, Ed. S. Walker.

Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge, 22 Members.

John Vaughn, delegate; Stephen Glover, delegate; Past Post Commanders—James H. Mills, H. H. Zenor, H. A. Smurr, Lew Coleman, B. F. Martz.

Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan, 24 Members.

Past Post Commanders E. L. Dickinson, L. D. Moore, O. T. Parimeter, G. W. Rightenour.

Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Past Post Commanders H. N. Blake, Eugene Stark, J. B. Carruthers, Steve Gamer, F. P. Cox, John W. Davis, J. B. Howe.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

H. W. Bingham, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders Pierce Hoopes, George T. Chambers, T.W. Wright, G. W. Grant, John S. Killm. H. J. Hoppie.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

Past Post Commanders Otto Klim, David Lament, Benjamin Bond.

William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

C. H. Sprague, representative; J. T. Carlin, alternate; Geo. O. Eaton, representative, John S. Axtell, alternate; W. B. Brown, representative; R. M. Whitefoot, alternate; O. P. Chisholm, representative; Geo. W. Flanders, alternate; J. A. McElroy, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders Ed. F. Ferris, J. M. Lindlay, B. F. Osborn, N. Y. Smith, Roger Edwards, L. S. Wilson, Chas. E. Lancaster.

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

W. E. Bancroft, delegate; L. D. Hatch, alternate; Fred Krumlt, delegate; J. B. Catlin, alternate; W. H. Dickinson, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders J. L. Sloan, C. W. Lombard, Eli Fisher, T. J. McClung.

Thomas H. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive.

M. E. Wyman, delegate; John Fenons, alternate; James Almey, delegate; John Bamber, alternate; John S. Shamb, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Henry C. Tuttle, N. S. Bennett.

McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

B. F. Hoopes, J. H. Nelson, delegates; J. H. Miller, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders V. A. Cook, Geo. Teneyck, N. S. Kellogg, George F. Cowan, Will Kennedy, Thomas H. Boise.

U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.

Alex M. Cree, delegate; Abraham Hall, alternate; J. Hunhfield, delegate; H. C. Thompson, alternate; William Harmon, Post Commander; E. J. Carpenter, Past Post Commander.

John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

A. P. Hart, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders J. R. Goss, Joseph Reinhart, L. Whitney, M. C. Manus.

George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

B. W. Johnson, A. P. Sterns, delegates; N. H. Morley, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders Austin B. Gates, T. C. Davidson, J. S. Wisner.

Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

F. G. Heldt, Post Commander; Past Post Commanders D. C. McGill, Charles Taylor, J. O. Grigg.

James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewiston.

Past Post Commanders S. S. Harper, V. H. Bowman.

G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton.

Thomas A. Cummings, delegate; T. M. Pierce, alternate; G. W. Crane, delegate; C. B. Hamilton, alternate; John C. Duff, Post Commander.

John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Grantsdale.

Fred Hoffman, Post Commander; A. J. Wilkerson, Past Post Commander.

Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel.

A. F. McKay, Post Commander.

R. E. FISK,
N. H. MORLEY,
P. R. DOLMAN,
Committee.

Report of Department Commander H. C. Kessler was read as follows:

COMRADES:—The Seventh Annual Encampment, held at Anaconda, conferred upon me the honor of Department Commander. I have tried to perform the duties of the high office to the best of my ability. I found the Department in good condition, and I trust the same may be said at the present time. We have gained two new Posts during the year. Post No. 22, at Philipsburg, was mustered by Comrade J. J. York of Lincoln Post No. 2, in accordance with special orders from these headquarters. Comrade York made a flattering report of the reception accorded him as Mustering Officer; also speaks in hopeful terms of the prospects of the new post.

Post No. 23, at Kalispel, was mustered by Comrade L. F. Wyman, A. A. G., during my absence, and therefore no report has been submitted to me.

For the numerical strength of the Department, I respectfully refer you to the report of the A. A. G. This has not been a year marked by any great event, therefore few general remarks can be expected in this connection. The Department received proper recognition at the late National Encampment held at Detroit, Michigan, and the Commander congratulates Comrades Simons and Wilson for the able and dignified manner in which they represented the Department on that occasion.

As to the financial condition of the Department, the A. A. General's report, together with that of the A. Q. M. G. will fully advise you.

If this has been a year of general prosperity in the Rocky Mountain Department of Montana, it has been in no small degree due to the assistance of staff officers and post commanders. I sometimes fear too little attention is given to recruiting for the order; if such be the case, let us mend in this direction. The Department is to be congratulated on so general an observance of Memorial Day. Charity has been extended without stint; the sick have been properly cared for, and the dead have received a soldier's burial. A feeling of F. C. and L. seems to prevail throughout the Department; sectional strife has not found its way into the local posts and therefore all bickering, jealousy and misunderstandings are strangers to this Department.

Circumstances have during the past year compelled me to go abroad twice, leaving Comrade J. L. Sloane, S.

V. C., in command by General orders from these headquarters. So faithfully did he perform the duties, and so carefully did he watch the interests of the Department, that I feel it to be my duty to take this opportunity of thanking him, not only for myself, but also in behalf of the Department. Yours in F. C. and L.,

HARRY C. KESSLER,
Commander Dep't of Montana, G. A. R.

MISSOULA, Montana, May 19th, 1892.

To the Officers and Members, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

COMRADES:—I have the honor to make the following report of my actions while acting as Department Commander in the absence of Department Commander H. C. Kessler. On the 30th day of May, 1891, Memorial Day, I assumed command in compliance with general orders dated May 28th, from headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R., announcing that Commander Kessler had been granted leave of absence for three months. I remained in command until September 1st, 1891, when Comrade Kessler, having returned, again assumed command.

On January 25th, 1892, I received notification that Comrade Kessler had received leave of absence, thus again placing me in command until May 10th, 1892, on his return.

During the periods I have been acting as Department Commander I have had no occasion to render any decisions whereby the good of the order might be affected; the various Posts evidently having a thorough conception of the rules and regulations.

On March 4th, 1892, I accompanied Comrade L. F. Wyman, who had been designated as Special Mustering Officer, to Kalispel, Montana, and assisted at the mustering of General Lyons Post No. 23.

The comrades had made extensive preparations for the ceremony, and entertained us right royally during our stay with them. The new Post started off with a membership of twenty-two, and with an enthusiasm seldom witnessed. I predict for it a prosperous and constantly enlarging membership. I received application from a number of veterans at Chinook in regard to the formation of a new Post, which was referred to the Adjutant General, to furnish them with necessary information.

I also received communications from Victor, asking for information, which was furnished, and there is every prospect of a new Post being established at that point.

I am under many obligations to Comrade L. F. Wyman, Assistant Adjutant General, for assistance and advice rendered, and it grieves me much that we miss his familiar face from our annual reunion; let us hope that the news

received this morning prove true and that he again be permitted to rise from his sick bed and join with us in many more Encampments.

Yours in F. C. and L..

JOHN L. SLOANE, S. V. Commander.

The Acting Assistant Adjutant General made the following report:

BUTTE, Montana, May 19, 1892.

Harry C. Kessler, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—In the present state of affairs it is nearly impossible for me to make a report of the Assistant Adjutant General's office for the past year with any certainty of accuracy. As perhaps the majority of the comrades here assembled are aware, Comrade L. F. Wyman, our A. A. G., is very sick and confined to his bed and unable in his present condition to furnish data for a report, but I will do the best I can under the circumstances. The new law requiring Posts to report semi-annually, instead of quarterly, as heretofore, prevents me from arriving at the number of members in the Department at the present time, but I will report the number we had on December 31, 1891.

Membership in Good Standing at last Encampment	-	689	
GAINS—By Muster in	-	26	
By Transfer	-	12	
By Reinstatement	-	3	
By Reinstatement from Delinq't Reports	-	3	
Total gains	-	44	44
Aggregate	-	-	733
LOSSES—By Death	-	5	
By Honorable Discharge	-	3	
By Transfer	-	3	
By Suspension	-	66	
Total loss	-	-	77
Number in Good Standing	-	-	656

In addition to which the reports from John Buford Post No. 1, James A. Shields No. 19, John C. Fremont No. 21, and Post No. 22, I am unable to find; the latter Post was mustered in by Deputy Mustering Officer J. J. York, October 16, 1891, at Philipsburg, with 22 members.

I also have the pleasure to report Nat. Lyons Post No. 23 was mustered in on March 5, 1892, by A. A. G. L. F. Wyman, who was deputized for that purpose, at Kalispel, with 22 members. The Post made a report April 1, showing a gain of 8, making a total of 52 members in the new Posts, which, added to the total of 656, will swell the number to 708, or a net gain of 19 since our last Encampment, without taking into consideration the three Posts whose reports could not be found, viz: Posts No. 1, 19 and 21, who had at our last Encampment an aggregate of 65 mem-

bers. Taking it for granted that they have no less at the present time we would have a total membership of 773, or a gain of 84 in one year. With regard to the amount paid for relief, or the number of comrades relieved, I have no means of knowing and therefore will make no report.

Respectfully in F. C. and L.,

J. J. YORK,

Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Annual report of the Department Chaplain:

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—Death and urgent business in the east compel my absence from the Annual Encampment. It is, therefore, with unfeigned regret that a more detailed account of the stewardship appertaining to my post cannot be rendered.

I have not received, at the date of this writing, the facts supposed to be furnished by the several Post Chaplains. The solemn roll call of the dead of the year now ending will be given by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Though the assurance may well be entertained by the Department that every sacred duty entrusted to the holy office of the Post Chaplain has been well and truly rendered; because these were comrades first.

Concerning the sacred dead, who have had a soldier's burial within our borders, beside the tender words said of them by those who were nearer and closer in touch, it remains for you to direct the "Honorable Mention" as they are now reported at Head-quarters. They seem to be assembled on the parade ground, standing apart from the line, to receive the brevet they have so long waited for. It is for you to order opposite each brave man's name, "Transferred back to his old corps," to the companionship of the heroes who died in battle.

They have earned the last high honor this earth can give of a soldier's burial in hallowed, loyal ground. To their memories we give a tear, to their virtues our admiration, to their last resting places our covenanted care and respect.

They and we were once strangely, but strongly united in a struggle and for a purpose most indisputably holy to-wit: the unity of our land and the sacredness of the flag.

As we were thus made forever as one, death has not and cannot divide us. As our lives were once in their hands; their honor is now in our keeping. Our duty and our affection is, therefore, peculiarly pledged.

Slowly, yet surely, our time draws near when we, too, shall walk no more among men. As we would that others should do for us in that day, let us do by these now at rest—for their precious dust and by their hallowed memories. The vividness of old things, though passing, is yet bright with loyal men. May we measure our duty in the

presence of honor and of brave memories, and allign our ways with the best who have gone on before.

May the God of our life and of our nation deal very graciously with the widow and orphan of our comrades, and keep us for the few remaining years tender and true in every soldierly duty. Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH W. SANDERSON,
Department Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. G. A. R. }
OFFICE OF JUDGE ADVOCATE }

HELENA, Montana, May 19th, 1892.

To the Department Commander:

SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report: At the last Annual Encampment of this Department there was referred to me for investigation and report the case of Jacob F. Schmalse, formerly a member of U. S. Grant Post No. 14, at Miles City, Montana. I have looked into the matter as far as has been possible for me to do. The facts appear to be about as follows:

On the 18th day of August, 1886, a court martial was ordered by the Post Commander for the trial of Schmalse. The charges were: First—Committing a scandalous offense against the laws of the land. Second—Conduct unbecoming a soldier and a comrade in his relations to the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have been unable to secure a copy of the proceedings of the court and of the evidence taken at the trial, but am informed that of the second charge Schmalse was acquitted; this leaves nothing before us but the first charge, that of committing a scandalous offense against the laws of the land.

The specification of this charge is: "That the comrade, Jacob F. Schmalse, did assault and beat one Ethel Miller, a resident of Miles City"—that is to say, he was charged with the crime of assault and battery, and it is for us to consider whether a simple assault and battery is a crime of so serious and scandalous a character that any member of the Grand Army charged or convicted of it should be dishonestly discharged—that is to say, should a man who has, so far as we know and as we have a right to believe, served his country faithfully and well, receive a sentence that will follow him for life. In my opinion the punishment is entirely too great for the offense. An offense which, under the laws of the land, is merely a misdemeanor, punishable only by a fine and imprisonment in the county jail, is a scandalous offense. And again, the question is as to whether he was guilty of the assault and battery at all; that he was convicted by a justice of the peace and afterward by the district court to which he had appealed is undoubt-

edly true, but there is very grave doubt as to whether he was anything more than technically guilty. At the trial before the Post Court Martial he had asked Captain Randall of the 5th U. S. Infantry to appear at the trial and act as his counsel. It happens that I am personally acquainted with Captain Randall, and am prepared to say that there is not in the army today an officer with a better reputation for integrity and purity of character than Captain Randall. I am satisfied that he would have not undertaken the defense at all had he considered Schmalse guilty as charged.

Captain Randall, under date of May 8th, 1892, in answer to a letter written by me to him, says: "I did defend Jacob F. Schmalse before the Post Grand Army court as stated by him. My memory of the particulars of the case is, that while there was a technical assault and battery committed by him, yet it was not in my opinion such a one as would be in its nature disgraceful. I know that at the time I thought the court had dealt harshly with him and am of the opinion that mercy in his case would have been well bestowed." With this I entirely agree.

Schmalse is now an inmate of the Soldier's Home at Santa Monica, California, and will probably remain there for the balance of his life. He writes me that they have a very fine Post there, to which he is not even able to visit so long as this dishonorable discharge shall hang over him.

He has been punished enough. I recommend that the sentence of dishonorable discharge in this be remitted as of this date and that the name of Jacob F. Schmalse be taken up under the heading of reinstated on the rolls of U. S. Grant Post No. 14 of Miles City, Montana, that he be officially informed of this action and that a transfer card be sent to him. Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HOWELL, Judge Advocate.

COMMANDER AND COMRADES:—It is with regret that I find I am unable to attend the Encampment, and as one of the delegates to the National Encampment I have the honor to report as follows:

Comrade Simons being at Fort Belknap and not within easy range of the Department or National headquarters I assumed the responsibility of securing through the national committee quarters for the Department at the Russell house.

On reaching Detroit we found that the local committee had failed to take notice of our being located at the hotel, and had advertised our headquarters as being established at a public school building. This caused more or less confusion to those seeking to find our delegation. We placed upon a blackboard in the school room assigned us a notice of our location and caused placards to be placed

about the hotel and on its walls under our windows, giving notice of where our camp was established, with our Department banner at the entrance and a handsome pair of Buffalo horns, highly polished, suspended above it, attracting much attention and causing many additional calls. This was supplied by Comrade Simons.

Our service in the deliberations of the Encampment was not marked with any discussion or able speeches; we exercised our rights by vote on nearly every question, and we trust to the satisfaction of the Department.

Comrade Sanders, Past Department Commander, being with us, Comrades Fisk and Wallace were substituted for staff officers not present and entitled to seats in the Encampment, giving to us five votes.

Parade—Our place in the parade taking the entire distance allowed for a Department, we flatter ourselves that we filled to the full, although we had only twelve men to do it with. This seeming impossibility can only be accounted for by the fact that they were all thoroughbred Montanians. To say the least, we attracted as much attention as many of the larger Departments. I do not wish to seem to make invidious comparisons, but the soldierly bearing, vigorous and youthful appearance of our most worthy Past Commander Sanders elicited applause along the whole line of march, particularly noticeable from the female portion of the great throng that gathered to witness the parade.

It was a very warm day and as there is nothing in regulations prohibiting desirable comforts, we obtained umbrellas of red, white and blue material with "Montana" printed on them in large letters, causing many jests and funny remarks at our expense.

The banquet—a superb affair. Much was said in prejudice of this part of the proceedings by the press in some parts of the country, but we believe illy advised and with bad judgment. The use of wine was not abused to any extent by members of the G. A. R., but was appropriated by waiters and employes, some of them becoming noisy and disorderly. This was promptly abated by Gen. Alger's order to have them leave the hall.

The music for the occasion was charming and soul inspiring; the speeches were bristling with good humor—historic, patriotic, instructive and very strong and able; the menu attested the careful and painstaking labors of artistic chefs, and was enjoyed to the fullest extent by all, without "getting full," as was stated by many of the papers.

To me, and I think I voice the sentiment of all, it was a banquet graced with more good fellowship and pleasure than is usually found at such dinners.

As a hint to future delegates and a recommendation to

this Department, I desire to say that exchange of courtesies with comrades from all parts of the union is one of the delightful duties and pleasures of an Encampment. Many calls are made, cards exchanged and questions asked—some from curiosity, perhaps, but nevertheless, all are pleasant meetings, and many are seeking information of and about our country, to them so far away and famous. The exchange of badges is a positive demand, especially when the request comes from members of the Woman's Relief Corps, or their daughters, and I advise the next set of delegates to go well prepared.

The last State Encampment exacted a promise from its delegates that they would attend the Encampment. I think this should be the rule or an unwritten law in the future, that those elected should attend, only qualified by some great and unforeseen cause or accident. Our representation is small at best, and when within the possibilities, the Department and Past Department Commanders should consider it a duty to attend.

Nearly all the Departments go to the Encampment with a register. This Department should provide one for its delegates, being ruled so as to give present residence and military record. Each caller is asked to register, and it becomes a source of information and should be a part of the records of the Department.

For the delegates of 1891 I desire to express sincere thanks for the service, advice and courtesies rendered by Comrades Sanders, Fisk and Wallace. The experience of Messrs. Sanders and Fisk obtained at previous Encampments, was most cheerfully accorded us, making our labors easy and delightfully pleasant. Detroit having been the home of Comrade Wallace, it was through him that we were accorded many courtesies and recognitions that otherwise would not have been tendered.

I shall always remember the "Silver Encampment" as one of the happy events of my life, and do most heartily thank the Department for having accorded me this pleasure.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

LESTER S. WILLSON.

HELENA, Montana, March 9, 1892.

Major L. F. Wyman, A. A. G., Department of Montana, G. A. R., Butte, Montana.

SIR AND COMRADE:—I have the honor to say that according to my recollection, by resolution of the last Annual Encampment, G. A. R., I was made a member of a committee directed to prepare a ritual to be used in public installations of officers of the Montana Department of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have not a copy of said resolution, and I have been unable to learn what comrades were appointed to the other

places upon said committee. My impression is that Brother Sterling of Wadsworth Post was one member, but I am not sure.

I regret that I am compelled at once to go east, and it is not probable that I can return previous to the date of the coming Annual Encampment at Missoula, and I will therefore be unable to discharge the trust reposed in me so far as my membership of said committee is concerned.

I therefore respectfully tender my resignation as a member of said committee, and ask you to use your undoubted authority in such cases to appoint another member in my place, and inform the committee as thus reorganized that they will confidently be expected to present their formal report at the coming Encampment at Missoula. With best wishes, yours in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON.

HELENA, Montana, March 9, 1892.

Major L. F. Wyman, A. A. G., Department of Montana, G. A. R., Butte, Montana.

SIR AND COMRADE:—Referring to the resolution passed at the last Annual Encampment at Anaconda whereby I was made an additional member of the "Badge" committee, I have the honor to report as follows:

I have written a number of letters, and subsequently had several personal interviews with other members of the committee, with a view of meeting for formal action, but have been totally unable to accomplish the bringing together of the committee for that purpose. This I regret, because in multiplicity of minds is to be found the greater number of ideas from which to make a final selection.

The difficulties connected with the selection of some simple object which shall be typical of Montana life and interests are very great—largely because our interests are so very diversified. If the plough, the miner's pick or the shepherd's crook be selected, such selection, whichever it may be, will be unsatisfactory to a large number of our comrades, in view of the fact that only one of our leading industries is thereby selected for recognition, while others, nearly or quite as large and important, are neglected. To undertake to make a compound badge which will be emblematic of all these industries will give a result too high priced to coincide with my ideas of the proper cost, which I think should not be to exceed four dollars. As bearing upon this subject, it is proper to say that Comrade Sanders of the committee caused a design to be prepared in form of a medal, which was very beautiful, but upon investigating that element it was found that the die from which to strike the metal would cost five hundred dollars. It seems therefore a necessity that we should abandon all attempts looking toward such an elaborate result and con-

fine ourselves to some simple object which will be sufficiently local to have a direct bearing upon Montana as a state.

Being reduced to this form of badge, I am unable at this time to make more than two suggestions, from one or the other of which it is possible the coming Encampment may be able to make a formal selection, viz:

First—A silver bar of about the form as originated by Comrade R. E. Fisk. This bar is about an inch and a half in length, and corresponding dimensions in cross section; is suspended by a ribbon attached to the end and presents, it seems to me, a very satisfactory appearance. If desired the word "Montana" could be put upon the flat side of the bar in black enamel. The cost of this bar will not be to exceed four dollars.

Second—A buffalo head, as large for instance, or larger, than an English walnut; this head could be made in base metal, and heavily plated with silver, and suspended by a ribbon, or pinned directly upon the breast, at a cost which would probably not exceed four to four and one-half dollars. It is true that the buffalo, as a Montana production, has entirely disappeared; nevertheless, as a locality which was once entirely covered by these noble animals, and which was the scene of their final extermination, it would, in my judgment, be quite proper for an Encampment to adopt the buffalo head as the Montana emblem of the G. A. R., should it in its wisdom so decide.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances now seem to indicate that I will not be able to be with you at the coming Annual Encampment at Missoula. It will be the first State Encampment that I have missed, and it is with great sorrow that I bring myself to the realization that I probably will not be in Montana at the time the Encampment is held. Very respectfully in F. C. and L.,

GEO. O. EATON.

HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA }
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

HELENA, Montana, May 13th, 1892.

The Provisional Department of the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana sends cordial greeting:

To the Montana Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment Assembled, at Missoula, Montana, May 19, 20 and 21.

Loyal to the objects of our Order, to aid the Union veteran and his dependent ones, to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead, to inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children, and in the communities in which we live, to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America and encourage the universal

spread of liberty and equal rights to all.

We do most respectfully and earnestly request that the Department Encampment of the G. A. R. endorse the work of the Woman's Relief Corps in Montana, and through general orders recommend all Posts who have not such auxiliary to take steps to organize Relief Corps.

Yours truly in F. C. and L.,

MARY E. SIMONTON.

ISABELLA J. KIRKENDALL,
Pro. Dep't President.

Prov. Dep't Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

HELENA, Montana, May 13th, 1892.

*L. F. Wyman, Assistant Adjutant General, Butte,
Montana.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:—As it will be impossible for the Provisional Department President or myself to be in Missoula during the G. A. R. Encampment, I enclose you a communication from the Provisional Department of the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana. Will you kindly present it to the Encampment?

In F. C. and L.,

MARY E. SIMONTON,
Prov. Dep't Secretary.

MISSOULA, Montana, May 20th, 1892.

To the Department of Montana, G. A. R., in Encampment Assembled, at Missoula, Montana:

Your committee on the communication from the Provisional Department of Montana of the Woman's Relief Corps, respectfully report the following resolution:

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps within the jurisdiction of the Department of Montana, we hereby most cordially endorse their noble charity and extend to them our hearty thanks for their efficient labors in relief of our needy comrades, and we hereby request the Department Commander to urge upon the several Posts of this Department their hearty co-operation in all practical methods with this important auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that they assist in the organization of such Relief Corps in connection with every Post within this Department.

Respectfully submitted,

L. WHITNEY,
C. W. LOMBARD,
R. N. KLEINSCHMIDT,
Committee.

MISSOULA, Montana, May 19th, 1894.

To the Officers and Members Eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

DEAR SIRS AND COMRADES:—Your Council of Administration having audited and considered the reports of the Acting A. A. G. and A. Q. M. of the Department of Montana for the current year, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find the report of the Acting A. A. G. incomplete, owing to the Acting A. A. General not having received from the A. A. G., who is very ill and not able to attend to business, a number of reports from Posts that are essential to make a complete report. We therefore recommend that the thanks of the Department Encampment be tendered to Acting A. A. G. York for the partial report he has compiled from insufficient data, and that the same be referred back to him with authority and the request that he procure the necessary data from the several Posts to make a complete report, and when said data has been procured and the reports prepared he submit the same to the incoming A. A. G.

We have also examined the report of the A. Q. M. of the Department and find it correct as far as presented. It has not been customary in this Department for the A. Q. M. to make an itemized report by Post of the per capita receipts, which custom, although followed by the present A. Q. M. we do not regard as giving a sufficiently explicit report to guide the incoming A. Q. M. The receipts and expenditures are also only shown to May 14th, 1892, while there are subsequent items that should be shown to close up the business of this year. We therefore recommend the thanks of the Department be extended to A. Q. M. Yeager for his efficient services to date; that his report be referred back to him for amendment in the particulars mentioned, and that when such amended report is made and approved by Department Commander Kessler, it be filed with the incoming A. A. G. and a copy thereof with the A. Q. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARRY C. KESSLER, Dep't Com.

J. S. WISNER,

JAMES H. MILLS,

Council of Administration.

To the Officers and Comrades Eighth Annual Encampment of Montana, G. A. R.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate General beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined carefully said report, especially as refers to the case of Jacob F. Schmalse, and have examined witnesses as to the facts in said case and are of the opinion the sentence of the court martial in dishonorably

discharging said Schmalse from U. S. Grant Post was excessive and out of proportion to the offense of which he was found guilty, and we further believe that a full measure of punishment for his offense has already been suffered by said Schmalse. We therefore recommend that the report of the Judge Advocate General be accepted by this Encampment; that the sentence in the court martial of the case of Jacob F. Schmalse be revoked and that the Department Commander for the ensuing year be charged with the duty of procuring the reinstatement of said Schmalse in the manner that shall appear to him conducive to the best interests of the Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. MILLS,
JOHN L. SLOANE,
P. H. MANCHESTER,
Committee.

MISSOULA, Montana, May 20th, 1892.

We, your committee on the annual report of the Inspector of this Department, have the honor to recommend that the same be accepted as submitted by the Inspector General. Your committee further report that the suggestion of the Inspector General, attached to his report, as of undoubted value and would produce good results by its adoption.

However, having roughly estimated the probable cost of such inspection, we find it would require an outlay of from \$400 to \$500, and forty to fifty days of time. And, in view of the present financial condition of the Department, we submit the Inspector General's suggestion without recommendation. Very respectfully,

B. F. OSBORN,
J. O. GREGG,
J. B. LOOMIS,
Committee.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year:

John L. Sloane, Commander, Missoula.
J. O. Gregg, Senior Vice Commander, Great Falls.
Lucius Whitney, Junior Vice Commander, Billings.
G. W. Jenkins, Chaplain, Philipsburg.
R. M. Whitford, Medical Director, Bozeman.
H. S. Howell, Judge Advocate, Virginia City.
J. S. Wisner, Chief Mustering Officer, Anaconda.
B. F. Hoopes, Boulder; J. B. Loomis, Helena; B. W. Johnson, Anaconda; P. H. Manchester, Butte; Eugene Stark, Virginia City; Council of Administration.
O. P. Chrisolin, P. R. Dolman, Representatives to the National Encampment.
James H. Mills, Geo. TenEyck, Alternates.
J. J. York, A. A. General.
H. C. Yaeger, A. Q. M. General.

By motion Great Falls was selected as the place to hold the Ninth Annual Encampment.

Report of delegates to National Encampment adopted as read and ordered placed on the minutes.

By motion of Comrade Osborn \$150 was appropriated for the Department Commander and \$150 as salary for the A. A. General.

By motion of R. E. Fisk \$50 was allowed to apply on the expenses of opening Department headquarters at the National Encampment.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

At 8 o'clock the officers were installed by P. P. Commander P. R. Dolman, Deputy Chief Mustering Officer. The Department Encampment then adjourned sine die.



DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

⇒ Grand Army of the Republic ⇐

SESSION 1893.

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Great Falls, Montana, May 11th, 1893.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, May 11th, 1893.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 3, Headquarters Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, the Ninth Annual Encampment assembled in Elks hall at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m. The delegates having not all arrived an informal meeting was held, and it was decided that the Encampment meet at 4 o'clock p. m. for permanent organization, and that all comrades meet here at 1 o'clock p. m. to prepare for the parade to take place at 2 p. m., at which the Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, citizens of Great Falls and the civic organizations will participate.

At the conclusion of the parade the mayor of the city, in front of the Park hotel, welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps, and extended to them the freedom of the city.

Comrade W. F. Sanders responded on behalf of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps in an eloquent and fitting manner.

At the conclusion of Colonel Sanders' speech, General Chas. J. D. Curtis proposed three rousing cheers.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,)
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

HELENA, Montana, March 30th, 1893.

General Orders No. 3.

COMRADES:—The next Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in the Elks Hall, Great Falls, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10th and 11th.

I. The hour for opening has been fixed at 10:30 a. m. at which time the Encampment will be called to order.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at Room 5, First National Bank Block, where the Council of Administration will meet on Thursday evening, May 9th.

III. The Commander-in-Chief of the National G. A.

R., A. G. Weissert, and other distinguished G. A. R. men have been invited and are expected to be present at the Encampment.

IV. All Department Officers are requested to wear their uniforms and side arms. All other officers and comrades (as far as possible) to wear uniforms.

V. Post Commanders will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters at 8 a. m. on Wednesday, the 10th, to receive Encampment badges and other credentials for admittance to the Department Encampment. They will be held to a strict responsibility for the proper distribution of the badges, and that none are given out, except to the proper accredited representatives of their respective Posts.

VI. Comrade F. G. Heldt, of Post 18, will act as officer of the day. Comrade C. E. Thayer, of Post 18, as officer of the guard, and Commander Frank Coombs, of Post 18, will detail six sentinels for guard duty during the Encampment. The officer of the day will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters at 7:45 a. m., May 10th.

VII. The Encampment of the Division of Montana, Sons of Veterans, will be held in Great Falls on the 10th and 11th day of May, which will greatly enhance the interest of the occasion.

VIII. During the Encampment a free excursion to the Falls will be given to visiting comrades and their families.

IX. There will be a public installation of newly elected Department Officers of the G. A. R., and Division Officers of the Sons of Veterans, at the Great Falls Opera house, Thursday evening, May 11th, also a fine vocal and instrumental music programme at the same time and place.

X. Arrangements have been made with the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific, Montana Central and Great Northern Railway Companies for a round trip rate of one and one-fifth fare for those attending the Encampment. All desiring the benefit of the above reduced rates must buy a single full fare ticket going, taking a receipt from the railway agent at the starting point, and have their attendance certified to by the Assistant Adjutant General at Great Falls before returning home.

XI. The citizens of Great Falls will give "the men who saved the nation" a cordial welcome and the freedom of the city; and, while the Acting Dep't. Commander desires that all should enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent, he trusts that no comrade will by unseemly, boisterous conduct, bring discredit to the uniform he wears during the continuance of the Encampment.

XII. The reports from the Posts for the six months

ending December 31, 1892, have, as a rule, been promptly rendered, but there are still two or three Posts from which reports have not been received. They have been requested to forward the same at once, so that they may not be excluded from representation in the Encampment.

XIII. As the Acting Commander will probably not again address the Department through the medium of an official order, he desires herein to express his appreciation of the uniform courtesy extended to him by every comrade in the Department, and in taking leave of them he extends his grateful acknowledgment to all for the valuable assistance rendered him in the discharge of his official duties.

By Command of

J. O. GREGG,

C. F. GAGE, Acting Dep't Commander.
Assistant Adjutant General.

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at Elk Hall, Great Falls, Montana, on the 10th day of May, 1893.

The Encampment was called to order by the Senior Vice Commander, J. O. Gregg, and opened in due form.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

S. V. C.—J. O. Gregg.

J. V. C.—Lucius Whitney.

A. A. G.—Chas. F. Gage.

A. Q. M. G.—W. A. Havens.

Chaplain—G. W. Jenkins.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. S. Wisner.

Council of Administration—Comrade J. B. Loomis.

OFFICERS ABSENT.

Commander—John L. Sloane.

Medical Director—R. M. Whitfoot.

Judge Advocate General—H. S. Howell.

Council of Administration—Comrades B. F. Hoopes,
B. W. Johnson, P. H. Manchester, Eugene Stark.

Comrades Sterling, Eaton and O'Connor, with Assistant Adjutant General Gage, were appointed a committee on credentials, and after a recess of fifteen minutes reported the following named comrades present entitled to vote at the Encampment.

• Lincoln Post No. 2.

Past Post Commanders Harry C. Kessler, J. D. Jenks, J. H. Jacksen, P. R. Dolman; Post Commander J. B. Scott; Alternate Delegate, W. C. McBratney.

Wadsworth Post No. 3.

Delegates—P. O. O'Conner, A. T. Newbury, Richard Hoback, J. B. Loomis, D. L. Miles; Past Post Commander R. C.

Wallace, R. E. Fisk, F. P. Sterling, H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, Ed. Walker, C. F. Gage, W. A. Haven, S. E. Snider.

Farragut Post No. 7.

Delegates—A. B. Hicks, I. M. Dodge; Past Post Commanders F. W. Wright, George T. Chambers.

William English Post No. 10.

Delegates—W. S. Meathews, George O. Eaton; Past Post Commander, J. H. Nickson.

J. B. McPherson Post No. 13.

Past Post Commander Will Kennedy.

John A. Logan Post No. 15.

Past Post Commander Lucius Whitney.

George G. Meade Post No. 16.

Delegates—James Kinney, M. B. Spier; Past Post Commanders E. Golden, T. C. Davidson, J. S. Wisner, N. H. Morley.

Sheridan Post No. 18.

Delegates—Mark Leaming, P. H. Hughes; Past Post Commanders Charles T. Taylor, J. O. Gregg, F. George Heldt.

G. K. Warren Post No. 20.

Delegates—W. O. Daxter, H. Brown.

Burnside Post No. 22.

Delegate—G. W. Jenkins.

On motion of Comrade George O. Eaton the report was amended by adding the name of Comrade W. F. Sanders as delegate at large, and as amended the report of the committee on credentials was adopted.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

No report was received from the Department Commander as he was not present

The Senior Vice Commander made the following report:

Report of Senior Vice Department Commander, Department of Montana, G. A. R., as Acting Department Commander, from February 9th to May 9th, 1893.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, May 10th, '93.

COMRADES—I believe it is not customary for the Senior Vice to present a report unless the Department Commander should be absent, or disabled, and the Senior Vice assumes and performs his duties, and then only during the continuance of this disability or absence. •

At the beginning, and in the early part of the term during which I served in this capacity, we were confronted with an unusual condition of affairs, which it will be necessary to, in a general way, allude, that the comrades may understandingly hear read a resume of our actions during this term.

I also find it necessary to encroach a little upon the prerogative of the Department Commander, (for which I ask his pardon), in making a number of suggestions, which impress me as apropos under the above stated circumstances.

We have assembled to transact the business of the Department, review the past, and provide for the future of our organization.

The past is glorious with the deeds of our comrades in the cause of American liberty. These deeds are the heritage of all who live, or seek refuge, under the folds of the one flag which now proudly waves over a united and prosperous nation; and to perpetuate them is as solemn a duty as to respond with our heart's blood when our country called upon us for protection during the dark and gloomy years of her struggle for existence.

The grim reaper, Death, is rapidly depleting our once invincible ranks. Those of us remaining, become fewer and feebler, as the years roll by.

No longer does the earth tremble with the firm tread of the mighty host which wrested victory from the powerful foe at Appomattox; but, although we are fast passing into the hereafter, we leave to posterity an unsullied record for sacrifice and daring, equaled only by those who opposed us on a hundred bloody fields.

It is the object of this organization to maintain this record undimmed during our lives, and bequeath it to our children as a priceless heritage of honor and glory.

The report which I have the honor to submit includes only the last three months of the year ending today.

On the 9th day of February last, I was directed by Department Commander John L. Sloane to assume command of the Department, pending and during his contemplated absence from the state.

In pursuance to this command I immediately issued an order assuming his duties until such time as by farther orders I should be relieved from the same.

Comrade Charles F. Gage had been by a previous order of the department commander inducted into the office of Assistant Adjutant General, Vice Comrade J. J. York resigned and Comrade W. A. Haven as Acting Assistant Quartermaster General, during the illness of H. C. Yaeger by the same orders which directed me to assume the commander's duties. These comrades were not yet in possession of the books, papers and other properties pertaining to their respective offices.

It was understood, however, that the records of the office of the Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l. had been found in very bad shape after the sickness and death of Comrade Wyman, and had been reported still further damaged and destroyed by accidental exposure to fire and water while in the cus-

tody of his successor, Comrade York.

Comrade Gage was therefore directed to obtain such expert assistance as be found necessary, and endeavor to place these records in proper condition without delay.

On the same day (February 9th) I accompanied Comrades Gage and Haven to Comrade Yaeger's office to inspect the books and property of the Assistant Quarter Master General and transfer the same to his successor.

We had learned that Comrade Yaeger was considered insane; (he has since been committed to the Warm Springs insane asylum) also that the property of the Department was in a chaotic condition; we found no books, accounts or records of any kind about the Assistant Quarter Master General's office.

There were no traces of money, or bank accounts, and no bond had been furnished by Comrade Yaeger as required by the rules and regulations of the G. A. R.

Comrade Haven was directed to lose no time in removing the debris of this office to a place of security and take immediate measures to obtain possession of all the Department property of which any trace could be found, and, if necessary, employ expert or legal assistance to aid him; (conditioning, however, that the most rigid economy should be exercised, consistent with a proper and systematic investigation and reorganization of the Department affairs.)

To the efficient manner and indefatigable industry with which Comrades Gage and Haven have pursued these investigations in addition to their other duties is due much of our success in so quickly placing the Department on a business basis, as shown by their reports. In addition to the above complications, the Department headquarters were in receipt of orders from National headquarters that no reports or per capita tax had been received from this Department during the entire year of 1892, and suspension of the Department of Montana would be ordered if these reports were not at once forwarded.

The facts that no reports or per capita tax were shown by any letters or records in our possession to have been received from the Posts, did not greatly lighten our responsibility, nor were we much relieved when our investigations developed the startling and alarming fact that not only was all the cash surplus in the custody of Assistant Quarter Master General Yaeger hopelessly gone, but with it all the recently collected per capita tax for both terms of 1892; with the sole exception of that of two or three of the smaller Posts, yet delinquent for the December term.

The new Assistant Quarter Master General began business with no supplies to fill requisitions from Posts, and no money to buy them or pay national per capita dues.

In brief, the Department was bankrupt, as well as

liable to immediate suspension by orders from National Headquarters, the latter catastrophe averted only by the leniency of Commander in Chief Weissert, who was postponing from day to day the enforcement of rules which would have forever disgraced the Department in the eyes of our comrades in other states as well as our own.

I also learned that not less than four of the Posts had already surrendered their charters, and others were contemplating doing so at an early date; that many of the Commanders of Posts were careless in the performance of their duties, their Post affairs not being conducted in a methodical, business-like manner.

Several of the Post Quarter Masters had not furnished bonds in accordance with the rules and regulations, and in many instances there was lacking that pride and interest in the G. A. R. upon which its welfare depends, and the blue, with its accompanying bronze badge, rapidly becoming a meaningless, "flaunting lie."

The above is a general presentation of the condition of the Department of Montana on the 9th day of February, 1893.

I do not intend to criticise nor reflect in any manner upon any comrade for above stated condition of affairs, beyond an opinion that a general apathy and indifference throughout the entire Department has made such conditions possible.

It is in the province of the Council of Administration or an investigating committee appointed by the Department to take further action in these matters.

Ours only to state what we have done ourselves since February 9th, in the management of the business then entrusted to us.

For details in this business I refer you to the reports submitted by Comrades Gage and Haven, and, in a general way, will state that in February, the reports for the term ending June 30, 1892, were consolidated, and, together with the per capita tax, were forwarded to National headquarters and acknowledged by them, and before March 15, the returns and per capita tax for the term ending December 31st, 1892, were also forwarded, and Comrades Gage and Haven were highly complimented by the National Officers for their efficiency under adverse conditions.

Since then the Assistant Quartermaster General has, by his able management, purchased all supplies required for the present needs of the Posts, and has paid for them. He has provided a desk in which to store the Department property; has also inventoried and placed in as good order as possible all the papers, books and other assets of his Department, received from his predecessor.

Our duties have largely been that of scavengers; but we have today surrendered our respective trusts, feeling as-

sured that the Department can now enter upon an era of growth and prosperity commensurate with that of the great state of which we are citizens.

Before closing this report I will ask your indulgence for submitting a few recommendations which occur to me.

The Department should not again have a cash surplus of \$1,000, and upwards, accumulating in the custody of the Assistant Quartermaster General, but should immediately reduce its per capita from one dollar per annum to fifty cents. The reduction should take effect after the receipt of the June 30th, 1893, per capita of 50 cents, making the aggregate per capita of 1893 equal to 75 cents, and that of 1894, 50 cents per annum.

We should incorporate more system and business-like methods into the conduct of our Department and Post affairs.

The Posts should be encouraged to reduce their fixed expenses and the dues of the comrades to the lowest possible sum, and the Post officers should increase the aggregate of dues by recruiting the active membership of their Posts. This, by united personal effort, by regular attendance upon all Post meetings, and by making them pleasant and attractive.

All comrades should be impressed with a sense of the high honor attached to the uniform and decorations worn by "the men who saved the nation," and encourage this feeling of respect and patriotism in the rising generation.

All Department and Post officers should be urged to wear the G. A. R. uniform and side arms when officially before the public. (It might be well for a committee to consider and recommend to this Encampment for adoption a distinctive uniform, including number of buttons and style of belt to be worn by Department officers, also for Post officers and comrades.)

A distinctive official uniform, worn on ceremonial occasions, fosters an ambition on the part of other comrades to win and wear the same as a reward for regular attendance, activity and faithful performance of duties by subordinate officers and comrades.

Montana, although one of the youngest of the states, is destined at an early day to become a giant among them. Her resources are beyond compare; her mineral productions already exceeding that of any other state, will soon be rivaled by her output of manufactures, wool and agriculture.

Her per capita wealth is scarcely equaled elsewhere, and her present small population is being rapidly augmented by large immigration from other states. Among these accessions are numbers of veterans, who fail to make themselves known and become identified with the Montana G. A. R.; many because not personally solicited, others

for the reason that they are imbued with the idea that it is not popular in Montana to have served with the "boys in blue." Still others because they deem it unwise to appear to "wave the bloody shirt," etc.

We should have greater facilities for ascertaining the whereabouts and condition of all veterans residing in the state.

To this end, during the recent sitting of the legislature, I requested that an amendment be made to H. B. No. 45, (which provides for a state census during the year 1895.

This amendment to provide for an enumeration at the same time, of all Ex-Federal veterans of the war of 1861-'65; obtaining name, arm of service, regiment and company, present address and whether dependent.

I was advised that the bill had already passed the house, and was in the senate; that no time remained then to return it for amendment before the house adjourned, but that the amendment could be introduced in the next legislature and passed before the time for taking the census arrived.

The above information would enable Department officers to personally address every veteran in the state, and greatly facilitate the organization of new Posts, and recruiting those now existing.

J. O. GREGG,

Senior Vice Department Commander, and Acting Department Commander from February 9 to May 9, 1893.

On motion the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was received and referred to the Council of Administration.

There being only one member of the Council of Administration present, on motion Comrades Morley, Chambers, Walker and Jenks were made temporary members of the Council of Administration for the purpose of considering the reports of the officers of the Department.

The Assistant Adjutant General made an informal report, showing that during the past year there have been seventy-seven (77) members gained by muster, twenty-four (24) by transfer, and twenty-nine (29) by reinstatement, a total gain of one hundred and thirty (130).

The loss was as follows:

By Death	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
By Discharge	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
By Transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
By Suspension	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
By Delinquent Posts	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Total Loss							181

Leaving a membership of five hundred and sixty-one.

There are sixteen Posts in good standing, with four delinquent.

The report was referred to the Council of Administration.

Following is the report of the Acting Assistant Quarter Master General, which was read and referred to the Council of Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

HELENA, Montana, May 1, 1893.

John L. Sloane, Esq., Commander of Department of Montana, G. A. R.

COMRADE:—I submit herewith the report of the receipts and disbursements of the Department from the date of my appointment by you as Acting Assistant Quarter Master General on the 9th day of February, 1893, to May 1st, 1893. I enclose herewith the vouchers duly approved by Acting Commander J. O. Gregg for all expenditures.

I was notified by letter from John Taylor, Quarter Master General, G. A. R., under date of April 13th, that there was a credit to the Department of Montana of \$3.17, which amount I have included in my receipts. The cash balance is on deposit in the Montana National Bank of this city and is subject to the order of the Assistant Quarter Master General. Yours truly, in F. C. and L.,

W. A. HAVEN,

Acting Assistant Q. M. General.

REPORT OF THE ACTING ASSISTANT QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

RECEIPTS.

DATE	NAME OF POST	NO.	PER CAP. TAX	Q. M. SUP- PLIES
1893.				
February 17.....	William English.....	10	\$24 00	
February 18.....	George G. Meade.....	16	11 50	
February 28.....	Sheridan.....	18		\$ 5 50
March 9.....	Wadsworth.....	3		1 80
March 13.....	Lincoln.....	2		6 15
March 13.....	Frank Blair.....	6	12 75	
March 21.....	G. K. Warren.....	20	9 00	1 00
March 23.....	McPherson.....	13	10 50	
March 27.....	Burnside.....	22	10 00	
March 29.....	Geo. H. Thomas....	4	3 75	
April 7.....	Nat. Lyons.....	23		11 95
April 10.....	Farragut.....	7	1 50	
April 11.....	Sheridan.....	18		3 00
April 20.....	Steadman.....	8	4 00	
April 21.....	Wadsworth.....	3	3 70	3 70
Totals			\$90 70	\$33 10
Total.....				\$123 80
April 13. Amount in Hands of John Taylor, Q. M. G.....				3 17
Total Receipts.....				\$126 97

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.
DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	NO. OF VOU- CHER.	AMT.
1893				
February 21	N. P. Express Co.	Charges on Banner	1	\$ 3 20
March 1....	J. Taylor, Q. M. G.	Req. for Supplies	2	20 84
March 10....	" " " " "	Req. for Supplies	3	3 00
March 21....	" " " " "	Per cap. tax Dec. 31	4	5 62
March 24. .	" " " " "	Req. for Supplies	5	70
April 8.....	Torsch & Lee	Encampment badges	6	34 50
April 11....	T. E. Armstrong	Gilt Eagle	7	3 50
April 11....	C. K. Wells Co.	Printing, etc.	8	3 50
April 11....	C. K. Wells Co.	Printing, etc.	9	3 00
April 15....	H. S. Donnelly	Case for Q. M. Sup.	10	21 40
April 22. .	W. A. Haven.....	Q. M. expenses	11	6 00
March 30...	Helena B. & S. Co	Rubber stamp & pad	12	75
Total.....				\$106 01

Balance on Hand.....\$17 26
 On Books of John Taylor, Q. M. G.....\$ 3 17
 In Montana National Bank..... 14 09 \$17 26
 Value, at cost, for Q. M. Supplies, on hand, including
 case for ditto.....\$74 15

The remaining Department officers were granted further time in which to make their reports.

On motion that a committee of three be appointed as a committee of greeting to the Woman's Relief Corps the chair appointed as such committee Comrades Jackson, Snider and Thayer.

On motion it was ordered that the election of officers be held at 4:30 p. m. on the 11th, inst.

The Encampment then took a recess until 8:30 p. m.

8:30 p. m.—Encampment resumed.

The Chaplain made no report beyond a verbal talk, which was well received by the Encampment.

The report of the Judge Advocate General was received and referred to the Council of Administration. Following is his report:

OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE.
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

HELENA, Montana, May 7th. 1893.

To the Assistant Adjutant General.

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the transactions of this office for the current year. Having received no reports of the proceedings of court martials or information of any having been held, I take it for granted that good order and discipline has prevailed throughout the Department. In two cases requests for opinions as to the proper construction of certain parts of the rules and regulations have been made and decisions given, but as

these requests came to me in an irregular manner, the decisions given thereunder were informal and could not be considered as official or binding. I would suggest that the attention of Posts be called to the fact that all appeals or requests for information should be sent to the Department Commander, to be by him referred to the Judge Advocate, should he think proper so to do. The opinion of the Judge Advocate is of no force without the approval of the Department Commander. This being had it is official and binding on all concerned.

The attention of the Encampment will undoubtedly be called by the Acting Commander to the unfortunate state of affairs that existed at Department headquarters at the time of and prior to his assuming the command. It is not my purpose to discuss these matters, but to call attention to what in my opinion is the primary cause of these and other like troubles, which is, as I believe, the neglect on the part of many officers and others concerned to inform themselves as to just what their duties are and what the rules and regulations require of them. Grand Army officers can no more than other officers comply with the laws unless they first know what these laws are. As an illustration to this I desire to call your attention to the body known as the Council of Administration. The duties of the council are of the most important character. See Section 9, Article 6, Chapter 3 of the rules and regulations. The Council of Administration properly consists of all the Department officers and five members by election. See Section 2, Article 4, Chapter 3, Rules and Regulations. Whether the Council of Administration has performed any duties during the three years that I have been ex-officio a member of it I do not know, but I do know that I have never been invited to attend a meeting or informed that one was to be held. Article 7, Chapter 5, requiring all Quarter Masters to give bonds is, I am informed, seldom complied with. Seeing the importance of these things allow me, my comrades, as the present law officer of the Department, to impress upon you and particularly upon those of you who will take office at the ensuing Encampment, the necessity of informing yourselves what your duties are, and after that of conscientiously and faithfully performing them. Do this and peace and prosperity will reign throughout the Department of Montana.

In conclusion I desire to tender my most hearty thanks to the Acting Commander for the courteous treatment received at his hands, and especially do I desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the Department during the troublesome times that he has been in command.

I regret my inability to be with you on this occasion,

but believe me to be,

Most Sincerely Yours in F. C. and L.,

H. S. HOWELL, Judge Advocate.

The Chief Mustering Officer made an exclusive verbal report and was well received by the Encampment.

The Council of Administration made a partial report as follows:

*To the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic
of the Department of Montana, in Annual
Encampment Assembled:*

Your Council of Administration having had under consideration the address and report of the Senior Vice Commander, acting as Commander of the Department, and they cordially approve of the official action taken by him and request and recommend that such action be ratified and confirmed. As to his wisdom and efficiency of his services to the Department in a time of supreme peril your Council can only speak in terms of the highest praise.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ED. S. WALKER, Chairman.

J. B. LOOMIS, Secretary.

On motion action on the report was deferred until the final report is made.

The chair announced that he had received the report of the Department Commander, which was read, and is as follows:

MISSOULA, Montana, May 8th, 1893.

*To the Officers and Members of the Department En-
campment of the G. A. R. of Montana.*

COMRADES:—It is with the deepest regret that I am compelled by stress of unforeseen circumstances to be absent from the Ninth Annual Encampment of this Department, and that I can but feebly and inadequately express the heartfelt emotions which obtain at these yearly gatherings.

My official acts while in active command of the Department have been few, and owing to a peculiar combination of circumstances I cannot feel that my administration has been as creditable as I should have desired.

The last year has been one of great political interest, and owing to the fact that I entered into the campaign, necessitating my absence from home, for longer or shorter periods, my mail was received but irregularly, or overlooked by those whom I had left in charge of my business, causing confusion where none should have existed.

Owing to events well known to the Encampment, I was compelled to appoint the Assistant Adjutant General, away from my immediate vicinity, and I confess the experiment has not been a success.

The reports from the various Posts in regard to Memorial Day have been very flattering, and it is pleasing to observe that the people of the state are making it a "Holy day" in deed as well as in name, and that the custom inaugurated by the G. A. R. has been adopted by the citizens of this grand commonwealth as a day of memorial to all the dead, whether soldier or civilian.

In obedience to orders, the members of the various Posts throughout the Department assisted October 21, '92, in the observance of Columbus day, and we were the direct patrons and assistants of the school children in the exercises connected therewith. December 18th, 1892, I granted a dispensation to John C. Fremont Post No. 21 to remove its headquarters from Grantsdale to Hamilton, a distance of about three miles, and being present at the meeting held in Hamilton on that date, I assisted in reorganizing the Post, mustering in five recruits, and am glad to state from actual observation and attendance since that the Post is in a healthy condition. the result of the change.

But very few questions have been submitted for decision, and those of a trivial nature, with the exception of Sheridan Post No. 18. in reference to eligibility of an ex-soldier, who had served for a short time in the Rebel army, afterwards serving two years in the Union army and obtaining an honorable discharge, my decision in the case being that he could not be received into our ranks. On February 9th. 1893. Comrade York tendered his resignation as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department and I immediately appointed Comrade Gage to fill the vacancy, and on the same date, owing to my contemplated absence from the state. turned the Department over to Comrade Gregg, S. V. C. of the Department.

For all the comrades with whom I have come in contact during the past year, either officially or otherwise, I have none but the warmest and kindest feelings, and particularly do I owe Comrade J. O. Gregg, S. V. C., for the kindly assistance and counsel tendered and the zealous interest manifested for the success of the Department, and as it may be that we may never all meet again, I desire to tender the Department of Montana, G. A. R., individually and collectively, my grateful remembrance and best wishes for its success and prosperity.

Fraternally in F. C. and L.,

JOHN L. SLOANE,
Department Commander:

The report was referred to the Council of Administration.

Comrade Fisk made a verbal report of the National Encampment at Washington and was given a vote of

thanks for his efficient services at the National Encampment.

On motion the correspondence between Commander in Chief Weissert and the Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Montana concerning the reports and delinquents of the Department was called for and read. See correspondence on back.

On motion the following bills were ordered to be paid, viz: Bill of Inter Mountain of \$9.00. Bill of J. O. Gregg, for traveling expenses, \$62.68.

On motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to request from late Assistant Adjutant General York the sum of \$36.00, received by him from Buford Post; also \$7.50, received from Sheridan Post No. 18.

On motion the Encampment adjourned until 10:30 a. m., May 11th, 1893.

Pursuant to adjournment the Encampment was called to order at 10:30 a. m., May 11th.

Report of the Inspector General was received, read, and referred to the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

C. F. Gage, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE -I have the honor to submit herewith my report. Owing to the fact that there was no appropriation of funds to defray the expense of the Department Inspector, and the financial condition of the Department, I did not deem it wise to incur any expense in visiting the several Posts in the Department, in an official capacity, when rules and regulations make provisions for having the work performed by Assistant Inspectors. Hence I have complied with the rules and regulations. Upon my nomination, Acting Department Commander J. O. Gregg assigned to duty the following named comrades as Assistant Inspectors, viz:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,)
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.)

HELENA, Montana, April 29th, 1893.

I hereby confirm the action of Assistant Inspector General S. E. Snider in the selection of the following named comrades as Assistant Inspectors, and appoint them as such for the Posts set opposite their respective names.

J. O. Gregg, Acting Department Commander, Montana, G. A. R.

P. H. Manchester, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte City.

O. F. Parmeter, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

J. B. Caruthers, Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

George T. Chambers, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Thomas H. Loughbridge, Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

W. Y. Smith, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

W. E. Bancroft, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

John Ferrons, Thomas C. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive.
Will Kennedy, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.
Abram Hall, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.
L. Whitney, John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.
S. J. Wisner, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.
F. George Heldt, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.
O. W. Kelly, James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewiston.
John C. Duff, G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton.
F. K. Hoffman, John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Corvallis.
G. W. Jenkins, Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg.
Robert C. Palmer, Nat. Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel.

I would say that with two exceptions the Assistant Inspectors have very promptly and courteously responded, and forwarded their reports, which I have consolidated. I regret that Steadman Post No. 8, and U. S. Grant Post No. 14, failed to send any returns; hence they are not included in my report.

I have visited several Posts in the Department, but not in an official capacity, and found them without exception manifesting considerable interest in the order.

George H. Thomas Post No. 4 surrendered its charter, with 16 members. Owing to the fact of lack of interest, few in number, and they being surrounded by the left wing of Price's army.

Only four Posts in the Department have the work in the ritual committed to memory and properly performed. Others have it partially committed and fairly well performed.

There is only one Post—Frank Blair No. 6—reports any relief fund on hand—that reports \$132.00.

The amount expended for charity is \$190.40. This sum is reported by five Posts, the others not reporting anything.

Burnside Post No. 22, the youngest Post in the Department with due exception, is second on the list in expending moneys for charity. Thomas L. Kane Post No. 12 is first. The prospects of the Posts for the future on the whole are very good—two reporting poor and only one very poor.

I would offer a few suggestions for consideration. While it is the prerogative of every Post to fix the amount charged for muster in, and the highest amount is \$5.00 and the lowest \$2.00, I think the Department ought to recommend a uniform price.

Also the amount charged for quarterly dues ranges from one dollar to thirty-seven and one-half cents per quarter. I think it would be better to have as near as possible a uniform price.

I would suggest that the Department either be divided into three Inspection districts and assign to each District an Assistant Inspector, or that an appropriation of \$100 be made to defray traveling expenses of the Department

Inspector, that he might visit the Posts and perform his duty.

I have seen the value of the Woman's Relief Corps to the several Posts, where they have an organization, and I would urge every Post to secure the organization of a W. R. C. They will find them a great factor in sustaining an interest in the Post and carrying out some of its designs. I would no more think of having a G. A. R. Post without a Woman's Relief Corps than a home without a wife in it.

Comrades, let us determine to put into this Department a little more zeal, fidelity and self sacrifice this year than ever before to bring this Department to the front ranks. Only a few more revolving years remain for us to work in the Grand Army.

"Our heads with age to gray have turned,
And though our lives are waning fast,
Our hearts we will not sever;
But claim each comrade near and dear,
While we are growing old together."

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. SNIDER,
Inspector Gen'l., Dep't. Montana.

Comrade Sanders of the committee on badge for the Department of Montana, made a verbal report of his efforts. No action was taken as to a final design.

On motion of Comrade Heldt it was ordered that the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) be paid to A. A. Q. M. Havens for services rendered and money expended during the last three months in his official capacity.

Resolution by Comrade J. B. Loomis:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the Department should establish a permanent headquarters where thereafter each subsequent Department Encampment shall be held.

On motion the foregoing resolution was adopted, and the A. A. G. was instructed to inform each Post that this would come up for action at the next Annual Encampment.

Report of Council of Administration reflecting on Department Commander John L. Sloane, his Assistant Adjutant General, J. J. York, and his Assistant Quartermaster General, H. C. Yaeger, and complimenting Senior Vice Commander Gregg, Assistant Adjutant General Gage and Assistant Quartermaster General Havens, was, on motion, adopted.

Your Council of Administration, in view of all the circumstances, and because of their manifest delinquencies, neglects and abdication of their duties, by the Commander in Chief, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, elected or appointed, one year ago, re-

commend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolve 1, That we do not pass the usually deserved and complimentary resolution of thanks to Comrade John L. Sloane, Commander, and J. J. York, Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic of this Department, who were elected or appointed to their respective offices at the Annual Encampment in May, 1892, for the reason that it appears by unquestioned evidence conclusively that in the discharge of the duties of said offices respectively, to which they aspired, and which they accepted, they were neglectful whereby the interests of the Comrades in the prosperity of the various Posts comprising the Department was manifestly made to decline and the discouragements which surrounded them were not alleviated, but greatly increased, and the relations of the Department of Montana to the National Department were not only seriously impaired, but its very existence threatened, to the disgrace of these officers and the shame and humiliation of every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic within the state, and that for the abdication of their high duties they deserve censure and condemnation.

That we omit from the censure the name of Henry C. Yaeger, the Assistant Quartermaster General, because of the great affliction which, during his incumbency of said office, befell him in the impairment of his intellect whereby we cannot with certainty declare in his neglect and defalcation he was morally conscious or responsible.

On motion of Comrade George O. Eaton the report of Department Commander Sloane was laid on the table.

Report of Council of Administration bearing upon the late Department Officers, viz: Department Commander Sloane, his A. A. General and Q. M. General.

REPORT.

The Council of Administration, to which was referred the addresses of the Department Commander, of the Senior Vice Commander, the correspondence with the Commander in Chief and his Adjutant General, and the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department, has examined the same and begs leave respectively to report:

The condition to which the affairs of the Department were reduced between May, 1892, and February, 1893, was most deplorable, and we have given its condition and the cause thereof careful attention.

The treasury was bankrupt, the Department was in disrepute with the National Department, its character impaired and its very existence threatened. The course which brought it to a condition so much to be regretted and which has caused us so much shame, is not difficult to

see. It arose from the utter inefficiency of the Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quarter Master General of this Department—inefficiency so utter as to be in our opinion little less than criminal, and which in the case of the Assistant Quarter Master General did reach the criminal stage of embezzlement and defalcation. The neglect of the Commander of the Department so fits in with the Assistant Quarter Master General as to render it not improbable that the funds of the treasury, amounting to \$1,198.00, are irretrievably lost to the Department, little hope of their recovery from that officer remaining, and it being probable that he gave no bonds covering the departmental year now closing. The Assistant Quarter Master General has been adjudged insane. We think a perusal of the correspondence between the Senior Vice Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General of the National Encampment fixes the responsibility for the other ills of the Department upon our Commander and his Assistant Quarter Master General and Adjutant General. Comrades J. L. Sloane, H. C. Yaeger and J. J. York. We have heretofore reported resolutions which, in our judgment, befit their respective cases, and as to the other officers of the Department, we find that they have earned words of praise, and that the Senior Vice Commander, J. O. Gregg, the recently appointed Assistant Adjutant General, C. F. Gage, and the recently appointed Assistant Quarter Master General, William Appleton Haven, have placed the Department under peculiar and lasting obligations in the rescue of it from the provoking and imminent peril in which they found it during the months of December, 1892, and January and February, 1893. The inadequacy of the excuse of the Commander of the Department for his neglect, as found in his pretended report, which we have considered, is apparent. It is puerile and insufficient. When he found that he could not discharge the duties of the high office in regard for the interests of the Department as well as his own reputation, required that he resign, but he held on to the office as if grudging the honors which it implied to any other comrade, and continued in the face of beseeching importunity to refuse to move a hand to any purpose whatever. Nor were his Adjutant General's course any better. The records are missing, no bonds taken; no money left in the treasury; but thanks to other officers and comrades we have a Department left, indignant at this great disaster, but purposing to recover its ancient and deserved prosperity, to which the energy of all our officers, every Post and every comrade, should now be pertinaciously and resolutely bent. Comments as to the course of the late Assistant Quarter Master General are omitted because of the approach of insanity under which he is now doubtless laboring, is so insidious that we can-

not say but that his dereliction may be attributed to that disease, although this charitable view seems hardly probable. but we choose to give him the benefit of the doubt.

ED. S. WALKER, Chairman.
J. B. LOOMIS,
W. A. HAVEN,
J. D. JENKS.
GEORGE T. CHAMBERS.
C. F. GAGE.

The report was discussed at considerable length, was approved and upon motion action in the premises was deferred for one year, or until the meeting of the next Annual Encampment.

On motion the commander was instructed to appoint a committee of five to wait upon the Sons of Veterans and extend the congratulations and commendations of the Grand Army of the Republic to that organization.

The Commander appointed as such committee Comrades Sanders, Eaton, Dolman, Sterling and Taylor.

The Encampment then took a recess until 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the Encampment resumed.

Comrade Sterling moved that the recommendations of the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General be referred to the Council of Administration. Carried.

Comrade Kennedy moved that the per capita tax in this Department be reduced from \$1.00 per annum to 50 cents per capita per annum, to take effect from and after July 1, 1893. Motion was lost.

On motion of Comrade Sterling the per capita tax for the ensuing year was fixed at \$1.00.

The Commander appointed the following named comrades as the Committee on Credentials for the next Encampment, together with the Assistant Adjutant General.

Comrade J. H. Jacksen, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Comrade F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Comrade George T. Chambers, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Comrade P. H. Hughes, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

Comrade W. S. Mathews, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

On motion of Comrade Davidson, of Anaconda, the A. A. G. was instructed to furnish all Posts and Comrades Sloane and York with copies of the resolution presented by the Council of Administration reflecting upon the conduct of Comrades Sloane and York, and that the same will be considered at the next Annual Encampment.

Comrade Kennedy introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That when a Soldiers' Home is established by the state of Montana it should be located at a central and convenient point, and in connection with some of the numerous hot springs of the state.

On motion of Comrade Eaton the resolution was referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next Annual Encampment, and the Department Commander appointed as such committee Comrades Will Kennedy, G. T. Chambers and J. H. Nixon.

On motion of Comrade Loomis, of Helena, the salaries of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quarter Master General for the current year be one hundred dollars (\$100) each.

The committee to visit and greet the Woman's Relief Corps reported as follows:

REPORT.

Post Commander and Comrades:

We, your committee assigned to the pleasant duty of carrying the greetings of this Department Encampment to the Woman's Relief Corps, now convened in this city, would respectfully submit the following report:

At 11:30 a. m., this day, we repaired to the headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Masonic hall, where we were given a most cordial greeting, almost a kin to the greeting given the boys in blue on their return from the war. The President, Mrs. Kirkendall, in her felicitous way, assured us that the Woman's Relief Corps highly appreciated the recognition given them by the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, and in reply the Woman's Relief Corps was assured that this Department appreciated their work and worth; that the old soldier was the last to forget the work of the loyal women during the dark days of the rebellion, in camp, hospital and at home. in alleviating distress and suffering. And in these days of peace, when so many calls for aid and acts of charity by old and maimed veterans, the labor of love and acts of charity towards the destitute widows and orphans by the Woman's Relief Corps is an inspiration to every Post in the Department. And the Woman's Relief Corps may expect from the G. A. R., Department of Montana, recognition, support and hearty co-operation in their laudible work. Respectfully,

S. E. SNIDER,
J. H. JACKSEN,
C. E. THAYER.

The Report was referred to the Council of Administration.

The report of the Provisional Department President and Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps were read and accepted, and ordered spread upon the records.

HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA }
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Auxiliary to the G. A. R.

HELENA, Montana, May 6, 1893.

*Department Commander J. O. Gregg, and Comrades
of the Ninth Annual Encampment, Depart-
ment of Montana.*

I have the honor to transmit to you a report of the relief work of the Woman's Relief Corps, Provisional Department of Montana, for the twenty-one months, provisional rule, ending march 31st, 1893.

Number of Soldiers and their Families Assisted.....	25
Number of Members of Corps and Families Assisted..	4
Amount Expended for Relief in Money.....	\$239.25
Amount Expended for Relief other than Money...	119.45
Amount turned over to Posts.....	261.00
Cash Balance Relief Fund.....	130.16
Cash Balance General Fund.....	333.57
Total Value of Corps Property.....	893.09
Number of Members in Good Standing.....	215

These loyal women pledge themselves to aid the veteran and his dependent ones in the spirit of F. C. and L..

ISABELLA KIRKENDALL,
Provisional Department President.

The committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans reported as follows:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

No. of Corps in Department	7
No. of Corps Reporting... ..	7
Membership Reported.....	207
No. of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial Services...	4
No. of Members taking part in services on Memorial Day.....	160
No. of Children taking part in Services on Memorial Day.....	247
No. of Soldiers' Graves decorated.....	201
No. of Members' Graves Decorated.....	1
No. of Corps contributing flowers.....	7
No. of Corps furnishing refreshments... ..	2
No. of Memorials to unknown dead and battle fields..	6
Amount of Expense incurred.....	\$532.30

Signed: HELEN C. DOLMAN;
Department Chaplain.

Special mention of the amount turned over to Posts by the patriotic ladies of Missoula was \$136.00

HELEN C. DOLMAN.

The committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans reported as follows:

The comrades of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana send salutations and congratulations to the Sons of Veterans of this state upon their intelligent patriotism and zeal, and find abundant cause for rejoicing that assurance is by them given that the unselfish willingness of American citizens to count no sacrifice too great to preserve unimpaired the priceless inheritance of liberty, equality and fraternity bequeathed by the fathers of the Republic, and that the cherished virtue of fidelity, loyalty and charity are to be strengthened in all their forces in the hearts of all our people by so precious an organization. *The comrades do therefore earnestly invoke prudence, fidelity and sacrifice on the part of the sons, and that in view of the memory of the great deeds of their fathers, written in unimperishable history, they stoop to no mean thing.

Second, That the comrades of the Grand Army will cheerfully respond to all desires of the Sons of Veterans and will watch their course with unfailing solicitude and increasing interest, so long as life with us remains.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the colonel commanding the Sons of Veterans in Montana.

The report was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the records and given to the public press.

Comrade A. F. Newberry presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the slim attendance, which is attributed to the present busy season, the next Annual Encampment should be held not later than the middle of March. Resolution was lost.

Comrade Leaming appeared in the hall for the first time since the meeting of the Encampment. Comrade W. F. Sanders offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Encampment welcomes within its hall Col. Mack J. Leaming, comrade of Sheridan Post No. 18, and delegate therefrom, and it trusts that his health may be rapidly restored and that he may long live to enjoy the affectionate regard which his valor has won for him wherever the details of that valor are known.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote, and Comrade Leaming in feeling words returned thanks to the Encampment.

Comrade Sterling presented the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Encampment be and is hereby tendered to Sheridan Post No. 18 and the citizens of Great Falls for their generous and magnificent

hospitality extended to the Grand Army of the Republic while in session in their beautiful city.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, and it was ordered that it be given to the newspapers.

Comrade Fisk was appointed a committee to secure from ex-Assistant Adjutant General York all papers connected with the Department.

On motion to proceed to the selection of a place for the next Annual Encampment, Anaconda, Helena and Bozeman were placed in nomination.

The first ballot resulted as follows: Helena, 22; Anaconda, 12; Bozeman, 8. Helena having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared the place for the next Encampment.

On motion the Encampment proceeded to the election of officers.

Comrade J. O. Gregg, of Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls, and P. R. Dolman of Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, were placed in nomination.

The Encampment then proceeded to ballot for Department Commander. with the following result:

Gregg, 19; Dolman, 17; Eaton, 2. No one receiving a majority of all the votes cast, there was no choice, and a second ballot was taken with the following result:

Gregg, 22; Dolman, 19. Comrade J. O. Gregg having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared the choice and duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

On motion the election was made unanimous.

For Senior Vice Department Commander Comrade P. R. Dolman of Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte, was elected unanimously.

For Junior Vice Department Commander George T. Chambers of Farragut Post No. 7 was duly elected and on motion was made unanimous.

For Medical Director of the Department Comrade C. B. Miller was elected by acclamation.

For Chaplain of the Department Comrade G. W. Jenkins of Burnside Post No. 22 was elected by acclamation.

By unanimous consent Comrade Leaming introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Senior Vice Commander presiding with the present Assistant Adjutant General be permitted to prepare for publication a resume of such of the proceedings of the Encampment as in their views are appropriate to be printed, excluding such matter as any comrade might object to have published and that the same be furnished to the press of the state.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Encampment then took a recess until 7 p. m.

7 p. m.—Council resumed.

Council of Administration—The following named comrades were elected members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year, viz:

Geo. O. Eaton, William English Post No. 10.

H. T. C. Kleinschmidt, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

A. B. Hicks, Farragut Post No. 7.

W. O. Parker, John A. Logan Post No. 15.

S. K. Fischel, U. S. Grant Post No. 14.

As delegates to the National Encampment Comrade R. E. Fisk, Wadsworth Post No. 3, and Comrade T. C. Davidson, George G. Meade Post No. 16, were duly elected.

Alternates—Comrade Fred Kennett, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, and Comrade W. C. McBratney, John A. Logan Post No. 15, were duly elected alternate delegates to the National Encampment.

The Commander then announced the following staff appointments:

Assistant Adjutant General—F. George Heldt, Sheridan Post No. 18.

Assistant Quarter Master General—W. A. Havens, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

Assistant Inspector General—S. E. Snider, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

Assistant Judge Advocate General—F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. D. Jenks, Lincoln Post No. 2.

The Encampment then adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. May 12th, and proceeded in a body to the Opera House, where the officers elect and appointed were publicly installed; and where the officers elect of the Sons of Veterans and of the Woman's Relief Corps were also publicly installed.

The citizens of Great Falls, assisted by Sheridan Post No. 18, had made elaborate preparations for the public installation, and the Encampment was treated to very beautiful and select singing by the Great Falls Choral Society, instrumental music on piano by Miss Shores, a violin solo by Madam Eliche, accompanied by Miss Tracy on the piano.

At the conclusion of the installation entertainment at the opera house the Encampment proceeded to the dining hall at the Park Hotel, where they were banqueted and entertained by the citizens of Great Falls.

Toasts were responded to by Col. W. F. Sanders, Hon. Paris Gibson, Col. Geo. O. Eaton, Mr. J. E. Sargent, Will Kennedy and others.

Hon. Charles M. Webster presided as toastmaster and did honor to the occasion.

Thursday, May 12th.

The Encampment resumed its session at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

The Council of Administration made the following report:

To the Comrades of the Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Your Council of Administration beg leave to state that they have examined the report of the A. A. Q. M. General and recommend its adoption, and the Council feels that the thanks of the Department are due to Comrade Haven for the careful, systematic and thorough manner in which his duties have been performed under discouraging circumstances.

The council also recommends that the A. A. A. General be given further time to prepare a more detailed report.

ED. S. WALKER, Chairman.

J. B. LOOMIS, Secretary.

By unanimous consent Comrade W. F. Sanders introduced the following resolution, which was on motion adopted.

Resolved, That Comrade Frank P. Sterling be and he is hereby declared a trustee of the Department of Montana of the Grand Army of the Republic, and upon his filing his acceptance of such trusteeship with the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department, he is authorized in his own name of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Montana, or in the name of the Assistant Quarter Master General of the Department for the time being to commence and prosecute to judgment any suit against Henry C. Yaeger and his bondsmen, or any of them or either of them, for moneys heretofore in his hands belonging to this Department. And that for this purpose any and all sums of money due to the Department from said Henry C. Yaeger as Assistant Quarter Master General or otherwise be and they are hereby assigned to such trustee, with authority to him to reassign or again assign the same. And that under the directions of the Commander and Judge Advocate General of this Department he be and he is hereby authorized to prosecute any and all suits necessary therefor against said Yaeger or other persons in his name, or the name of such person or corporation, lodge, post or department as he may assign or reassign said claim to, and to receipt for any and all moneys by him received from said Yaeger or his bondsmen.

ACCEPTANCE.

I hereby accept of the position of Trustee as above named.

(Signed)

F. P. STERLING.

Comrade Snider moved the appointment of a committee of three to draft resolutions relative to the proper observance of Memorial Day, which, on motion, was carried and the commander appointed as such committee Comrades Snider, Eaton and Jenkins.

THE RESOLUTION.

At the Annual Encampment, G. A. R., for the Department of Montana, held at Great Falls, May 10, 11 and 12, 1893, the following resolution was adopted as expressive of the sense of the Encampment upon the proper observance of Memorial Day:

Resolved, That Memorial Day was originated by the Grand Army of the Republic, not for the purpose of celebrating the glories of peace; but solely to commemorate the patriotism and glorious deeds of those who gave their lives as the price of a united country.

Remembering the privations, the marches, the battles, the hospitals and the prison pens which go to make up those dreadful years which cost our comrades their lives, we cannot agree that Memorial Day is properly a day of mirth and rejoicing, or that it should be entirely given over to frivolous enjoyment.

Believing thus, we ask all citizens of Montana to unite with us in keeping the observances of Memorial Day within the limits originally intended, to the end that the heroic deeds and glorious deaths of our comrades may not seem to be belittled, and to the further end that patriotism and love of country shall be both recognized and encouraged.

S. E. SNIDER,
GEO. O. EATON,
GEO. W. JENKINS.

Comrade Snider introduced the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Comrade C. F. Gage and Comrade Kennedy for their faithful services in keeping a record of the proceedings of this Encampment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the Electric Street Railway Company, for courtesy extended to the Grand Army of the Republic during their Encampment in the city of Great Falls.

On motion the resolution was unanimously adopted. The following resolution was offered by Comrade Sterling and was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Encampment extends its heartfelt thanks to the Great Falls Choral Society and to the Opera House Orchestra and all others who participated in the very interesting entertainment given at the Opera

House last evening; also that we do hereby extend our thanks to the different societies and all who took part in the parade.

There being no further business the Encampment adjourned.

C. F. GAGE,

A. A. A. G.

J. O. GREGG,
Acting Dep't Commander.

Proceedings of Council of Administration, Department of Montana.

HELENA, Montana, October 26th, 1893.

In pursuance to a call of the Department Commander the Council of Administration of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., met in the hall of Wadsworth Post No. 3, at 8 o'clock p. m., Department Commander J. O. Gregg, presiding.

ROLL CALL.

J. O. Gregg, Department Commander.

P. R. Dolman, Senior Vice Commander.

George T. Chambers, Junior Vice Commander.

G. W. Jenkins, Chaplain.

C. B. Miller, Medical Director.

F. Geo. Heldt, A. A. G.

W. A. Haven, A. Q. M. G.

S. E. Snider, Inspector.

F. P. Sterling, Judge Advocate.

J. D. Jenks, Chief Mustering Officer.

George O. Eaton, H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, A. B. Hicks, W. O. Parker, S. K. Fishel, Members Elect.

Present—Gregg, Miller, Heldt, Haven, Sterling, Eaton, Kleinschmidt. There being no quorum present on motion the following named comrades, being present, were chosen proxies in place of the members set opposite their names, viz:

Comrade Ed. S. Walker in place of George T. Chambers.

Comrade T. P. Fuller in place of S. E. Snider.

Comrade Shaw in place of S. K. Fishel.

A quorum being present the Council proceeded to business.

The report of the Judge Advocate at the Ninth Annual Encampment was called for. After reading same, and the action of the Encampment, on motion of Comrade Eaton it was decided that the report required no action on the part of the Council.

The resolutions adopted at the Ninth Annual Encampment in reference to Commander Sloane, his A. A. General and A. Q. M. General, were read, and the A. A. General was directed to furnish Commander Sloane, and A. A. G. York each a copy of said resolutions at once.

The Judge Advocate made a verbal report as to the feasibility of bringing action against the late A. Q. M. G.,

H. C. Yaeger, for funds belonging to the Department which have not been accounted for by him. On motion the same was approved.

The A. Q. M. General made a written report, which was as follows:

HELENA, Montana. October 26th, 1893.

To the Assistant Adjutant General:

REPORT OF THE A. Q. M. GENERAL.

Cash on Hand May 11, 1893.....	\$ 17.26
Received to Date for per capita tax ..	296.50
Received for Q. M. Supplies.	14.40

Total Amount Received.....	\$328.16
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry bills on account of year ending May 11, 1893, ordered paid by the Department Encampment.....	\$101.03
Expense bills of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G., approved by Dep't Commander..	20.58
Printing bills..	52.00
Postage stamps and stamped Env....	17.10
Salary of A. Q. M. G. and A. A. G., in part.....	50.00
Expenses paid Ass't Inspector Gen....	10.00
John Taylor, Q. M. G., for supplies...	34.35
John Taylor, Q. M. G., for per cap. tax	7.65

Total amount disbursed.....	\$292.71
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Cash in Mont. Nat. Bank, Helena. ...	20.75
Cash credit with Q. M. G..	93
Cash on hand	13.37

Total.,.....	\$328.16
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On motion the report was accepted.

Comrade Sterling moved that this Council recommend that the Department take steps at the next Annual Encampment to incorporate its organization. Carried.

On motion, seconded and carried, the Council approved the bonds of Ass't Q. M. G. Haven.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted and the Department Commander was directed to promulgate the same in General Orders.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, This Council has had before it and duly considered the present condition of Department affairs and its future deeds, and has maturely considered the reports of the present Department officers presented at said meeting; and

WHEREAS, We feel that it is just to all the Posts of the Department that the results of our investigation be made known, to the end that all the individual comrades be assured of the facts so gratifying discovered by us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That after the great confusion into which the affairs of the Department have in the recent past been allowed to fall, we are glad to report that order and regularity in the conduct of its affairs has once more resumed sway. We find that the Department is now in good standing with National Headquarters; that all returns and reports thereto are promptly made, and that the books, accounts and records of the Department are neatly and safely kept, with due regard for strict business requirements.

We find that all the old outstanding bills against the Department have been liquidated and that the revenues for the remainder of the encampment year may be hopefully expected to more than meet all bills which may be anticipated, thus leaving us at the next Department Encampment with a small balance in our treasury.

This Department has lost, under past conditions obtaining, more than \$1,200. We regret to report that it is not probable that any part of this sum will ever be recovered.

In turning our faces hopefully toward the future, however, we can but remind the respective Posts and, through them, all the comrades, that great promptness is absolutely necessary in forwarding the December dues and reports to Department Headquarters, so that our meager revenues may be subject to the control of the proper officers at the earliest possible moment.

In conclusion, we desire to express our opinion that the present Department officers are active, earnest and vigilant, and from this time forward we may reasonably expect that our beloved order, within the limits of Montana, will resume its former condition of efficiency.

We recommend that the Department Commander promulgate the foregoing preamble and resolution to all the Posts of the Department by General Orders or otherwise, as he may decide.

In accordance with the above recommendation, a number of copies of the said report will be forwarded to each Post, and the officers are directed to attend to their immediate distribution among the comrades.

There being no more business the Council adjourned sine die.

J. O. GREGG, Dep't Commander.
F. GEO. HELDT, A. A. G.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA
⇒ Grand Army of the Republic ⇐
SESSION 1894.

Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Helena Montana, May 16 and 17, 1894.

HELENA, Montana, May 16, 1894.

In pursuance of General Orders 8 and 9, Headquarters Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, the Tenth Annual Encampment convened in the hall of Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, Montana, at 10:30 a. m., with Department Commander J. O. Gregg presiding.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

GREAT FALLS, Montana, March 15, 1894.

General Orders No. 8.

I. The Tenth Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in the G. A. R. hall, Helena, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26.

II. The hour for opening has been fixed at 10:30 a. m., at which time the Encampment will be called to order.

III. Department headquarters will be established at the "Library" G. A. R. building, where the Council of Administration will meet on Tuesday evening, April 24.

IV. The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the National G. A. R. and other prominent G. A. R. men have been invited and are expected to be present at the Encampment.

V. All Department officers are requested to wear their uniforms and side arms. All other comrades, as far as possible, to wear uniforms.

VI. Post Commanders will report to the Assistant Adjutant General, F. Geo. Heldt, at Department headquarters at 8 a. m. on Wednesday, April 25, to receive Encampment badges and other credentials for admittance to the Department Encampment. They will be held to a strict responsibility for the proper distribution of the

badges, and that none are given out except to the properly accredited representatives of their respective Posts.

VII. Comrade C. F. Gage of Wadsworth Post No. 3 will act as Officer of the Day; Comrade Ed. S. Walker of Post 3 as Officer of the Guard, and Post Commander T. H. Kleinschmidt of Wadsworth Post No. 3 will detail six sentinels for guard duty during the Encampment.

The Officer of the Day will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters at 7:45 a. m. April 25.

VIII. The following committee on credentials for the Tenth Encampment were appointed at the Ninth Encampment, and are expected to promptly report for duty:

J. H. Jackson, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Geo. T. Chambers, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

P. H. Hughes, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

W. S. Mathews, Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

IX. The question of permanent location of the Encampment and other important business will come up before the Tenth Encampment for action, and a full attendance is earnestly desired.

X. A grand campfire will be given by the comrades of Wadsworth Post in honor of the visiting G. A. R. and Loyal Legion on Thursday evening, April 26.

XI. Read this carefully before buying your tickets. Arrangements have been made with the railroads for a round trip rate of one and one-fifth fare for those attending the Encampment, provided 100 or more are in attendance. All desiring the benefit of the above reduced rates must buy a single full fare ticket going, taking a receipt from the railway agent at the starting point, and have their attendance certified to by the Assistant Adjutant General at Helena before returning home.

XII. The citizens of Helena will give "the men who saved the nation" a cordial welcome and the freedom of the city; and, while the Department Commander desires that all should enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent, he trusts that no comrade will, by unseemly, boisterous conduct, bring discredit to the uniform he wears during the continuance of the Encampment.

XIII. The programme for the entertainment of the comrades by the comrades of Wadsworth Post and the citizens of Helena, is in the hands of committees selected by them, and is not included in this Order. By command of

J. O. GREGG, Dep't Commander.

Official: F. GEO. HELDT, Ass't Adj't General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, May 3, 1894.

General Orders No. 9.

I. In accordance with the recommendation of the Council of Administration of this Department and the Helena Encampment Committee, the dates of the Tenth Annual Encampment as announced in General Orders No. 8, are changed from April 25 and 26 to May 16 and 17. In all other respects General Orders No. 8 will remain in force as published.

II. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be presented to the Encampment for action. By command of

J. O. GREGG, Dep't Commander.

Official: F. GEO. HELDT, Ass't Adj't General.

At the close of the reading of the general orders, the Department Commander ordered the Officer of the Day to ascertain if all present were members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Officer of the Day reporting all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The roll of officers and staff was then called by the Assistant Adjutant General, Tenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana.

ROLL OF OFFICERS,

J. O. Gregg, Department Commander, Post No. 18. Great Falls.

P. R. Dolman, Senior Vice Department Commander, Post No. 2, Butte.

George T. Chambers, Junior Vice Department Commander, Post No. 7, Livingston.

Geo. W. Jenkins, Chaplain, Post No. 22, Philipsburg.

C. B. Miller, Medical Director, Post No. 3, Helena.

F. George Heldt, Assistant Adjutant General, Post No. 18. Great Falls.

Wm. A. Haven, Assistant Q. M. General, Post No. 3, Helena.

S. E. Snider, Department Inspector, Post No. 14. Address. Columbia Falls.

F. P. Sterling, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Post No. 3, Helena.

J. D. Jenks, Department Mustering Officer, Post No. 2. Butte.

All were present except the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders. The Department Commander then appointed Comrade Swigget of Wadsworth Post No. 3 as Senior Vice Commander, and Comrade Gage of the same Post as Junior Vice Department Commander, pro tem.

The chaplain invoked the divine blessing, after which Department Commander Gregg declared the Tenth An-

nual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, opened in due form.

The committee on credentials, Comrades F. P. Sterling, W. S. Mathews and J. H. Jacksen then went to an adjoining room to report a list of comrades entitled to be members of the Encampment.

A short recess was then taken of fifteen minutes, then the Department Commander called the Department to order and the committee made the following report:

HELENA, Montana, May 16, 1894.

Department Commander and Comrades, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

We, your committee on credentials, beg leave to report that the following comrades are members and entitled to seats in this Tenth Annual Encampment:

ROLL CALL

* Tenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander—J. O. Gregg.
Senior Vice Commander—P. R. Dolman.
Junior Vice Commander—George T. Chambers.
Chaplain—G. B. Jenkins.
Medical Director—C. W. Miller.
A. A. G.—F. George Heldt.
A. Q. M. G.—W. A. Haven.
Assistant Inspector General—S. E. Snider.
Judge Advocate General—Frank P. Sterling.
Chief Mustering Officer—J. D. Jenks.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Comrade George O. Eaton, William English Post No. 10.
Comrade H. T. C. Kleinschmidt, Wadsworth Post No. 3.
Comrade A. B. Hicks, Farragut Post No. 7.
Comrade W. O. Parker, John A. Logan Post No. 15.
Comrade S. K. Fishel, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Comrade T. F. Fuller, Helena.
Comrade Charles S. Warren, Butte.
Comrade E. C. Waters, Eu Clare, Wis.
Comrade J. G. Sanders, Helena.
Comrade James E. Calloway, Virginia City.
Comrade Ed. F. Ferris, Bozeman.
Comrade Harry C. Kessler, Butte.
Comrade John L. Sloane, Missoula.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Comrade J. H. Jacksen, Lincoln Post, Butte.
Comrade F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post, Helena.
Comrade George T. Chambers, Farragut Post, Livingston.
Comrade P. H. Hughes, Sheridan Post, Great Falls.
Comrade W. S. Mathews, Wm. English Post, Bozeman.

COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' HOME.

Comrades Will Kennedy, George T. Chambers and J. H. Nixon.

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Commander, James E. Doud; Past Commanders, P. R. Dolman, J. D. Jenks, L. E. Holmes, H. C. Kessler, C. S. Warren, J. H. Jacksen, C. S. Shoemaker, J. B. Scott; Delegates, P. H. Manchester, S. H. Almon; Alternates, B. N. Beebe, John Bechtel.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Commander, T. H. Kleinschmidt; Past Commanders, Thos. P. Fuller, R. C. Wallace, J. G. Sanders, G. W. Shaw, R. E. Fisk, Ed. Walker, F. P. Sterling, R. A. Craig, H. T. C. Kleinschmidt, C. F. Gage; Delegates, Comrades A. T. Newberry, J. B. Loomis, J. R. Hillman, H. S. Donnelly, A. P. Webster; Alternates, Comrades John Workman, Charles Hooven, James McKinzie, Thos. O'Connor, S. A. Swigget.

Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

Commander, O. F. Parmeter; Past Commanders, E. L. Dickinson, J. D. Moore, E. P. Day, Geo. W. Rightenour; Delegates, Comrade T. A. Foster, J. R. Comfort; Alternates, Comrade P. W. Rightenour, R. Thompson.

Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Commander, A. E. Gloyd; Past Commanders, James E. Callaway, H. U. Blake, Stephen Gainer, Eugene Stark, J. B. Caruthers, T. P. Cox, J. H. Davis, J. B. How, Samuel Page; Delegates, Comrades H. S. Howell, H. L. Childs; Alternates, Comrades A. U. Rogers, S. M. Brown.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Commander, A. B. Hicks; Past Commanders, F. W. Wright, Pierce Hoopes, John S. Killen, H. J. Hoops, Thomas J. Mains; Delegates, Comrades John Doyle, U. Eberts; Alternates, Comrades W. H. Yeaton, S. Shrake.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

No report.

Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Commander, T. M. Pierce; Past Commanders, B. F. Osborn, W. Y. Smith, Roger Edwards, Lester S. Wilson, James A. McElroy, J. H. Nixon, J. M. Lundlay; Delegates, Comrades W. S. Mathews, R. M. Whitefoot; Alternates, W. F. Sanders, George O. Eaton.

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Commander, Andrew Moore; Past Post Commanders, Will Kennedy, John L. Sloane, C. W. Lombard, W. J. Livingston, Eli Fisher, T. J. McClung, W. H. H. Dickinson, W. E. Bancroft; Delegates, Comrades Samuel Bellow, C. W. Lombard; Alternates, Comrades A. Moore, W. E. Bancroft.

Thomas L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive.

Commander, John S. Shaub; Past Commanders, Pierce Hoopes, Jr., Henry C. Tuttle, Morris S. Burnett; Delegates, Comrades James McCormick, John Bamber; Alternates, Comrades J. W. Allen, Moses P. Wyman.

James B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

Commander, B. F. Hoopes; Past Commanders, A. S. Kellogg, George TenEyck.

U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.

Commander, C. E. Case.

John A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings.

Commander, A. P. Hart; Past Commanders, E. C. Waters, J. R. Goss, L. Whitney; Delegates, Comrades L. Whitney, W. O. Parker.

George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Commander, M. B. Spier; Past Commanders, A. B. Gates, T. C. Davidson, J. S. Wisner, N. H. Morley, Eben Golden; Delegates, Comrades J. T. James, T. O'Leary; Alternates, Comrades A. Short, W. S. Whiteley.

Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

Commander, P. H. Hughes; Past Commanders, D. C. McGill, Charles Taylor, J. O. Gregg, F. George Heldt, F. Coombs; Delegates, Comrades J. W. Clark, W. H. Safford; Alternates, Comrades E. M. Mitchel, C. E. Thayer.

James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewiston.

Commander, James Reed; Past Commanders, S. S. Harper, B. H. Bowman, J. T. Frost, R. N. Noble, J. McCourt; Delegates, Comrades O. W. Kelly, A. M. Macomba; Alternates, Comrades A. Hash, W. G. Long.

G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Benton.

Commander, John C. Duff; Past Commander, J. J. Donnelly; Delegates, Pat Whalen, Dan Dutro; Alternates, John Grant, H. Brown.

John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Hamilton.

Commander, E. L. DeHaven; Past Commander, Frederick Hoffman; Delegates, Frank Bourgon, M. M. Lockwood; Alternates, George O. Gray, M. Florida.

Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg.

Commander, Morris Sharpe; Past Commander, James K. Pardee, W. T. Allison; Delegates, Comrade Jerome A. Mathews; Alternate, Comrade Lee Deganhart.

Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel.

Commander, R. A. Rollins; Past Commanders, A. F. McKay, R. C. Palmer, David J. Plume; Delegates, Comrades R. C. Palmer, H. C. Fullerton.

George H. Thomas Post—Surrendered.

Past Commander, J. H. Mills.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

F. P. STERLING,
W. S. MATHEWS,
J. H. JACKSEN,
Committee.

On motion of Comrade Sanders of Wadsworth Post No. 3, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to prepare a list of comrades entitled to vote at this Annual Encampment in order of their highest rank.

List of Comrades present were as follows:

J. O. Gregg, Department Commander.
P. R. Dolman, Senior Vice Department Commander.
G. W. Jenkins, Department Chaplain.
C. B. Miller, Department Medical Director.
F. George Heldt, Assistant Adjutant General.
W. A. Haven, Assistant Quarter Master General.

F. P. Sterling, Department Judge Advocate.

Thomas P. Fuller, Past Department Commander.

J. G. Sanders, Past Department Commander.

J. E. Doud, Post Commander No. 2; J. H. Jacksen, Past Post Commander No. 2; C. S. Shoemaker, Past Post Commander No. 2; J. B. Scott, Past Post Commander No. 2; T. H. Kleinschmidt, Post Commander No. 3; R. E. Fisk, Past Post Commander No. 3; Ed. S. Waiker, Past Post Commander No. 3; C. F. Gage, Past Post Commander No. 3; A. B. Hicks, Post Commander No. 7; Thomas J. Maine, Past Post Commander No. 7; F. M. Pierce, Post Commander No. 10; B. F. Osborn, Past Post Commander No. 10; J. H. Nixon, Past Post Commander No. 10; B. F. Hoopes, Post Commander No. 13; A. S. Kellogg, Past Post Commander No. 13; Geo. TenEyck, Past Post Commander No. 13; L. C. Whitney, Past Post Commander No. 15; M. B. Spier, Post Commander No. 16; N. H. Morley, Past Post Commander No. 16; Morris Sharpe, Post Commander No. 22; J. H. Mills, Past Post Commander George H. Thomas Post No. 4, surrendered.

Delegates from Post 2—P. H. Manchester and John Bechtel. From Post 3—A. F. Newberry, J. B. Loomis, A. B. Webster, J. R. Hillman and S. A. Swigget. From Post 6—H. S. Howell. From Post 10—W. S. Mathews, R. M. Whitefoot and George O. Eaton. From Post 16—T. O'Leary, A. Short and W. S. Whiteley. From Post 18—J. W. Clark. From Post 23—H. C. Fullerton.

The Encampment then took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The first business upon reassembling was the reading of his annual report and address by the Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. }

GREAT FALLS, Montana. May 15th, 1894.

Twenty-nine years ago was ended the greatest conflict known to modern history. One year later the actors (who wore the blue) in the bloody tragedy, organized themselves into a society known as the "Grand Army of the Republic." This society has no apology to make for its existence. It points with commendable pride to more than seventy millions of freemen; to a flag, bloodstained it is true, but unsullied by "a deed that our fathers have done" and glorified by the heroic achievements of comrades, some of them as daring as any recorded in history, or recounted in song or story.

It is one of the greatest charitable organizations the world has ever seen. Since its existence, nearly two and one-half millions of dollars have been expended by the members for the relief of comrades and their widows and orphans.

It has already accomplished much, but its mission is not yet complete. It must still stand as a bulwark between the country and its foes. It must still see that no comrade dies in the poor house. It must yet care that no veteran

is buried in the Potter's field. That no pension shall be unjustly taken away or wilfully denied. It must continue to be an object lesson in patriotism to the rising generation.

We are met today on the Tenth Anniversary of the Order in Montana, to review the business of the past year and provide for its successful conduct during the next twelve months.

As the age of the comrades composing the membership of the Grand Army increases, the difficulty of keeping up the organization also increases. Nearly all those who bore the heat and burden of the battle now feel the infirmities of age. This very fact, however, makes the duty of maintaining the order more imperative, more necessary that we should consider and profit by the experience of the past, and more carefully provide for the exigencies of the future.

The report I have the honor to present today for your consideration does not display as large results as we had planned at the beginning of the year.

The financial cyclone which swept over the country before the Department of Montana had recovered from its prostration of the preceding year, and which spread broadcast among our comrades disaster and distress, threatening many of them with starvation and ruin, and placing all of them upon the defensive, with a long, uncertain winter through which to provide for themselves and families, made it necessary that all of our plans for increasing the membership of the Posts be abandoned, and our best efforts be devoted to retaining those we already had in our ranks.

At our last reunion I had the honor to report nineteen Posts, part of them in a very precarious condition. I have now the honor to report the same number, and all but one in a very much improved condition of efficiency and interest.

I regret, however, the deplorable fact that during the past six months hundreds of our comrades have been struggling for the barest necessities to enable them to support life until the storm had blown over, and have been utterly unable to pay their dues.

Three whole Posts reported themselves so badly crippled financially and their members so much scattered and discouraged that they were unable to raise money to pay rent, provide for their sick or incur the expense of holding meetings of their Posts until easier financial conditions prevailed among them.

I offered to visit them and by holding campfires, and other means, endeavor to arouse more enthusiasm among them. They, however, begged me to wait; their interest

was not flagging, but they could not raise money to defray expenses of any kind at present. I therefore deferred this plan and confined myself to writing encouraging letters, urging them to stand fast by their organization; that I would place their condition before their comrades at the Encampment for action, promising that they could safely rely on the good will and leniency of those "who drank from the same canteen" long years ago.

We therefore advanced their national per capita tax, and that of one or two others who required time in which to collect, with the understanding that they would endeavor to remit the same before the Encampment and avoid suspension.

I am happy to report that all these dues have been paid as agreed; and that all the Posts but one are in good standing.

Our consolidated reports for the term ending on December 31, 1893, show a falling off in membership in good standing of nearly one hundred.

This startling decrease in numbers reported does not at this time indicate a decrease of interest in the work of the order. It is simply a result of the financial paralysis which has deprived the veteran of the means with which to pay his dues, and the inability of other comrades to advance the same as they have been in the habit heretofore of doing.

In ordinary times this would be a fair criterion by which to estimate the degree of interest of the comrades in the work of the Grand Army. I am happy, however, to be able to report that a far greater interest in all that pertains to our order is now displayed by the comrades throughout the entire state than when we began our work at the beginning of the year.

At first it was difficult to obtain even an answer to letters written officers of Posts asking for information, but in a short time the comrades were made to feel that it was both a duty and a pleasure to correspond with them on any subject of interest to them as comrades, and to advise and assist them to the best of our ability, to promote their interests generally whenever in our power, making it a rule to reply to every communication received immediately, however trivial might seem the subject matter, and to communicate to them everything of interest to them in relation to the affairs of their Posts or the Department, we very quickly began to receive letters from comrades and old soldiers from every part of the state, showing a largely increased interest, and, I think, productive of much good.

During the year the expenditures of the Department have been confined to the income, although that income

proved to be much less than we had reason to expect at the beginning of the year.

Prior to the commencement of the present term, all the money of the Department had been lost. Extraordinary expenses were made necessary by certain peremptory orders from the Commander-in-Chief, A. G. Weissert. The supplies in the Assistant Quartermaster General's office were soiled or otherwise despoiled and rendered useless. Assistant Quarter Master General Haven had no receptacle in which to protect future purchases or supplies from damage. The Department Banner had returned from Washington in bad condition, we advancing the express charges on the same. The eagle had been lost and the banner itself had otherwise been damaged.

To remedy these and other defects and place the Department in any sort of condition to begin the business of the year, it had been necessary to incur an indebtedness and begin the year with a large deficit to be paid from the June returns.

The financial depression greatly reduced our December returns, altogether producing a condition that required us to conduct the business of the Department on an income of little more than one-half of that estimated as available for this purpose.

However, we are glad to report that while our shortage made it necessary to omit many expenses that would have enhanced the efficiency of the order, we have confined these expenses to our actual net income to the end that our successors may find no deficiency or indebtedness to weigh them down in their efforts to further strengthen the order during the coming year.

This far my report has been one of partial failure to accomplish contemplated and very desirable improvements in the Department.

I will now report the "silver lining" said to "brighten every cloud" is no myth in connection with that cloud which has temporarily darkened the affairs of this Department, but the bright side has revealed itself in so many pleasant ways, and with such an ever increasing brilliancy, in the greater interest displayed, in the reviving of the old time determination to never know defeat, the more compact ranks, and the greater fraternal feeling between the comrades, all indicate that our disasters have welded us more closely together and in the end will work good to the order.

Among the bright gleams from our clouds may be mentioned: The present high rank of Montana at National Headquarters, the front rank only is good enough for Montana, and there she has stood during the entire year in spite

of the friendly efforts of the other 44 Departments to displace her.

Our reports for the terms ending in June and December were both received at National Headquarters before those of any other of the Departments, and the Department of Montana has received the cordial congratulations of the present administration, of their predecessors, General A. G. Weissert and others, besides those of many of our sister departments.

The credit for the above satisfactory result is largely due to the indefatigable perseverance of the heads of the several divisions in inducing the Posts to promptly forward their reports to Department Headquarters after the last meeting of each Post preceding the date when the reports were due from them. Also the industry of these Department officers in consolidating the reports and their promptness in forwarding the same to the National Headquarters.

Their success may be better appreciated by a statement that the first place has for many years been retained among the eastern states, and there is yearly a lively competition for the honor.

Last June Montana captured the leading place, with her sister state Idaho as second. This was noticed by some of the Department Commanders in General Orders and their Posts were urged to greater efforts to recover their lost ground. National Headquarters having removed to the far east seemed to confine the December competition to those states only. The thanks of the Department are due Comrades Heldt, Haven, Snider and others of the Department staff that Montana still "wears the belt" although the second place has returned to its eastern home.

The office of the Assistant Adjutant General is in good condition. Under the efficient management of the A. A. G., F. Geo. Heldt, the business of his office has been kept in good condition in every respect.

He has carefully assorted all material received from Butte and elsewhere, and as far as possible collated it for publication. Unfortunately much material had been lost before its receipt by him and he has not been able to replace the same. The records of the office since they came into his custody have been systematically kept, and are ready for publication whenever the Department feel able to incur the expense for this purpose.

When this is done, several years may be consolidated into one pamphlet, and the expense of publication largely reduced.

Comrade Heldt is entitled to much credit for the labor and care he has given the business of his office, the zeal with which he has corresponded with the officers of the

several Posts of the Department, advising with them in their troubles, instructing them as to their work, and encouraging them to renewed efforts in the interests of the order, and to council with him freely in any matters requiring advice or assistance.

The Assistant Quarter Master General's office is also in prime condition. When our unfortunate Comrade Yeager was declared insane and the affairs of his office were placed in the hands of Comrade W. A. Haven, a new order of business was speedily inaugurated. The debris of the office was speedily inventoried, assorted and cleaned as far as possible, and a new receptacle was prepared for the storage of supplies. New supplies were purchased from National Headquarters, new books were opened, correspondence was had with Post officers to ascertain their needs, which were promptly supplied. He has kept a constant finger on the pulse of distressed Posts and has endeavored to aid them in every way possible. His reports have been promptly rendered, accurate, neat and thorough, and together with Comrade Heldt he has been largely instrumental in retaining for Montana the place of honor at National Headquarters.

The importance of such zeal during the past year has been beyond computation, and more than one disheartened Post and comrade has been incited to renewed interest and courage by their words of good cheer and examples, which cannot be too highly commended.

The Assistant Inspector General, S. E. Snider, has proven himself a jewel, and it is with sorrow that we announce his removal (by the church of which he is a pastor) to other fields of usefulness. But although far away from the comrades who love him for his cherry and encouraging letters, his songs and campfire talk, he will still make himself useful among comrades of Arizona and New Mexico, to whom we heartily recommend him.

The present system of inspection is very unsatisfactory and illy adapted to the meager revenues of a Department so widely scattered as is ours.

The Installing Officer could also be Post Inspector and make a plain, simple report to the Assistant Inspector General, inspecting the Post before installing its new officers.

The Assistant Judge Advocate General, F. P. Sterling, has been frequently called upon for opinions and decisions, and has in all cases rendered them promptly, clearly and satisfactorily to the interests involved.

His unfailing courtesy and tact has largely influenced the affairs of the Department, the results of which are apparent in almost every Post.

The Rules and Regulations, by reason of frequent ad-

ditions, alterations, and many conflicting decisions, have become cumbersome and difficult of interpretation by Department and Post Officers.

It would be of benefit to all if the National Encampment were to appoint a committee to revise them and make them as few, plain and simple as possible.

The Chaplain and other officers of the Department have been attentive to their duties during the year, and are entitled to the thanks of the comrades for their efficiency.

It has been impossible to obtain a full list of those who have died since the first of January, although efforts have been made in that direction. Post officers have been derelict in this important matter.

Memorial Day was generally observed throughout the Department in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the Ninth Encampment, and a marked decrease of the games, races and other sports which of late years have marred the solemnity of this day was noticed almost everywhere.

The Sons of Veterans of Montana, by their appearance, conduct, drill and zeal, have well earned the good will, affection and pride of their fathers who bequeathed to them an inheritance of honor, loyalty and courage, with the full assurance that, as custodians of the same, it will be kept untarnished and guarded by them as a sacred trust.

There naturally presents itself to every old soldier the question of who will preserve the history and records of the past when the Grand Army men have answered their last roll call.

To provide for this, and with a view to perpetuating the patriotic spirit amongst the young men, a strong feeling is manifesting itself amongst the old veterans to admit the Sons of Veterans (under proper restrictions) into the G. A. R., after the manner of the Society of the Cincinnati, and thus not only perpetuate our order, but bring our boys into our presence and councils while we are yet living. to instill into them the principles of the G. A. R., and to cheer and strengthen our declining years, as we prepare them to carry on the work that we must soon lay down. Other Departments are already agitating the matter, which seems worthy of our consideration at this time

The Woman's Relief Corps, under the able management of Mrs. Isabella Kirkendall, the Department President, has been a mine of aid and encouragement to comrades throughout the state, and is worthy of commendation. Both of these organizations have suffered by reason of the financial depression, and should receive our best encouragement to renewed efforts to increase their numbers and efficiency.

One of the most efficient methods of increasing interest in the G. A. R. and auxiliary organizations, is the campfire, which should be held frequently and be as largely attended as possible.

The Post room is the only club which can be afforded by many of the old soldiers, and they and their families should be encouraged to attend regularly and the fires be kept bright and sparkling with stories of adventure, and with songs, and all other methods that will add to the interest and happiness of the old veteran and his family and educate his children to increased love for "Old Glory" and all that it means to them and to their descendants for innumerable generations to come.

Your attention is here called to circular No. 3 from National Headquarters in relation to military education in the common schools, which is hereby attached as a part of this report and fully endorsed.--(See page 99.)

Resolutions of censure were prepared by the last Encampment to be considered and acted upon at the present Encampment, censuring Comrades Sloan and York for dereliction in the performance of duties pertaining to their respective offices. In this connection I desire to simply call attention of the comrades to the keystone of the arch which supports our organization, CHARITY, and I trust that while considering a matter of the gravest import to the comrades in question you will not lose sight of this, the greatest principle on which our beloved order is founded.

Soldiers' Home--During the next session of the state legislature action will probably be taken looking to the location of a state home for invalid and aged soldiers.

It is important that nothing but regard for the health, pleasure and convenience for the aged or decrepit occupant of this home should be considered in the selection of its site. It should be located centrally to be of easy access to its beneficiaries and to the members of the Grand Army who are interested in watching over the wealth and well-fare of its inmates.

If the proposed action looking to a permanent location of the Annual Encampment at some particular point, result in a selection of such location, it would seem wise to also select, as nearly as possible, the same location for the soldiers' home.

It is recommended that the committee appointed by the Ninth Encampment be instructed to bring the matter before the legislature, requesting them to appoint a committee of veterans of the Department, who shall be recommended by this Encampment, or by the incoming Council of Administration, to consider the merits of the various sites offered, and under the advice of the Council of Ad-

ministration, select and recommend such site as seems best adapted to the purpose, and to urge said legislature to pass an act adopting such site and providing for its immediate and proper improvement and support.

The last legislature passed a house bill providing for a census of the state during 1895. It is recommended that this Encampment appoint a committee to induce the next legislature to incorporate in said bill an amendment requiring that the census takers also obtain the names, residence, occupation, present condition of dependency, etc., as well as the company, regiment and branch of service of every ex-federal soldier who served between the years 1861 and 1865.

This would be a source of no additional expense to the state, and the information would enable future Department Officers to locate and communicate with every ex-soldier in the state; ascertain their numbers in any given locality, their condition; decide where new posts can be established and maintained; whether existing Posts are keeping their organization up to a proper standard in numbers and efficiency, and to be of benefit generally to the order and to the soldier.

The transferring of the supplies of the Assistant Quarter Master General's office from place to place with each change of administration seems to be an unnecessary source of loss and expense to the Department. A centrally located place should be selected as a depository of these supplies, and the Assistant Quarter Master General should be selected from among the residents of that place.

Pensions—Under the law as formerly constructed and administered, the disabled comrade found substantial relief.

Under the liberal provisions of that law it was not necessary for a soldier who had endured the privations of camp, the hardships of the march, the horrors of the battle and the sufferings of the prison, to spend his declining years in the poor house or die a pauper.

The nation was not unmindful of your sacrifices; but the present administration has assumed a hostile attitude toward the veteran.

At the opening of the December session of congress, the president made the following astonishing statement: That "thousands of neighborhoods have their well known fraudulent pensioners!"

Under hostile rulings thousands of pensioners have been suspended, and hundreds of thousands of dollars are being expended by detectives and spies in the aid of these covert attacks against "the men who saved the nation,"

and among the saddest of the results of this crusade against the old soldier is the fear and anxiety of old and enfeebled pensioners that they may at last fill a pauper's grave and their helpless families be left to the cold charity of an indifferent public.

The Grand Army of the Republic—five hundred thousand strong—is solidly in favor of purity in the administration of the pension office, and making it indeed a roll of honor, as being evidence that the recipient of the pension has served his country faithfully and well; but as one man they protest against their services being measured and valued by those who remained at home, although young and strong, or who failed in their efforts to destroy the government, only by reason of the effectiveness of these services.

The department badge, as officially adopted by the Missoula Encampment, consists of a silver brick, pendant from a tri-colored ribbon, with a large rosette at the top. The rosette rapidly gathers dirt and continually requires replacing. I therefore repeat my recommendation that a plain copper bar pin with the name of the state inscribed thereon be substituted for the rosette. This would be clean, neat and durable, and in connection with the silver brick and the gold or gilt state arms and motto, as adopted by the National Encampment, as official distinctive department badges, would furnish a symbol of the three leading mining industries of the state.

I would therefore recommend that this, or some other suitable device, be substituted for the present rosette, and that this Encampment take some action on the same.

Uniform—Last year I suggested that a committee be appointed to select a uniform for the Department, but no action was taken.

At present every comrade selects that which pleases him best, and the result is that there is no uniformity in the uniforms worn by the officers and comrades, even of the same Post.

I would therefore repeat my recommendation of last year that a committee be appointed, with instructions to select and report to this Encampment a distinctive uniform for the Department and Post officers and comrades of the Department of Montana.

In closing this, my last report and official communication, I desire to tender my hearty thanks to all the comrades of the Department for their uniform courtesy, their many deeds of kindness and valuable assistance and advice while in a trying position, their leniency in overlooking my many mistakes and favorably criticising my blunders in the management of the affairs of the Department intrusted to me by them, and their unvarying loyalty to the high

office which I have had the honor to occupy during the past year. For all of which I am grateful beyond expression.

J. O. GREGG,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
LYNN, Mass., Jan. 10, 1894.

Circular No. 3.

The committee on resolutions of the Twenty-seventh National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, reported in part as follows:

“We heartily approve the recommendations of Lafayette Post 140, Department of New York, that military instruction be made a part of the common school system, to the end that the young of our land be given a preliminary military training; and it is hereby

“Resolved, That the incoming Commander-in-Chief shall, in a general circular, call attention to this matter and invite the co-operation of the Department Commanders, to the end that special effort be made toward the accomplishment of this object, and that such general circular shall embody briefly the reasons set forth in the Memorial of Lafayette Post.”

The memorial referred to is given herewith.

WHEREAS, The policy of the United States in maintaining a small standing army leaves the defense of the country in time of war to rest upon hasty levies of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, The rapidity with which wars progress in modern times has reduced the time available for the instruction of such levies to a very brief period; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic recognizes the importance of making adequate provision for the formation of an effective force which will, after its members have passed away, fill the places which they once occupied in the ranks of the defenders of our country; and

WHEREAS, This force, under the peculiar institutions of this country, can best be obtained by giving to the youths at school a preliminary military training which they will carry through life, and which will be of substantial benefit to them, physically and mentally, in the pursuits of peace; and it is therefore desirable that all American youths should receive military instruction at the earliest practicable age; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic has been foremost in the patriotic work of inculcating a spirit of loyalty and devotion to our flag and country; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Army of

Resolved, That this Twenty-Seventh annual National Encampment is of the opinion that the Grand Army of the Republic takes a deep interest in all efforts to provide for the future defense of the country, and that it recommends an organized effort to impress upon the various municipal, state and national authorities the advisability of the adoption of a system by which scholars attending the public and private schools, as well as the high schools and colleges, shall receive instruction in military matters, and to impress upon the rising generation of the country the fact that as American citizens it is their high duty to bring to the defense of their country, in its need, the education which they may have received in this particular in their youthful days.

Resolved, That it is the recommendation of this National Encampment that the Department Commanders give especial attention to the accomplishment of this object through a staff officer, and that the Posts in the various cities, towns and villages, by committees, public meetings and other means, give their earnest co-operation and support in securing necessary legislative, municipal and school-board action, as well as to obtain, where required, national aid by provision of arms, equipments and instructors.

It is suggested that Department Commanders call the attention of Posts and comrades of their Department to these resolutions; and it is further suggested that a Department Commander's Order or Circular be issued embodying such plan and the method of procedure, as may be thought best adapted to the school systems in said Department. All in the approval of the sentiments expressed in the foregoing resolutions.

Official: JAS. H. MEECH, Commander in Chief
Adjutant General

Upon motion of Comrade Sanders of Wadsworth Post No. 3, the report and address was referred to a special committee consisting of Comrades T.O'Leary, Meade Post No. 16; L. E. Holmes, Lincoln Post No. 2; R. M. Whitefoot, William English Post No. 10; L. Whitney, John A. Logan Post No. 15; J. H. Mills, Wadsworth Post, No. 3.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Department as follows:

"Greeting: The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, in session at G. A. R. hall, Helena, Montana, sends greeting to the Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies' Aid Societies, where loyal, loving hearts ever beat in sympathy with the defenders of the old flag, and whose places the former will soon be called to fill in sustaining the honors of a country one and indivisible.

J. O. GREGG,

F. GEO. HELDT,

Department Commander.

A. A. General.

The Senior Vice Commander asked to have his report passed until Thursday morning, which was granted.

The Junior Vice Commander was absent, so gave no report.

The Assistant Adjutant General's report and Assistant Quarter Master General's were then read.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

Office of Assistant Adjutant General.

GREAT FALLS, Montana, April 24, 1894.

To J. O. Gregg, Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—In compliance with the rules and regulations prescribing the duties of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, I respectfully submit herewith my report as Assistant Adjutant General for the official year commencing May 17, 1893, and ending with this Encampment.

The following is a consolidation of the various Post Adjutant reports received at this office for the half years ending June 30, 1893, and December 31, 1893, respectively:

Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1892.....	562
GAINS—By Muster in.....	65
By Transfer.....	3
By Reinstatement	51
Total gains.....	119
Aggregate.....	681
LOSSES—By death.....	5
By honorable discharge.....	3
By transfer.....	24
By suspension.....	32
By delinquent reports.....	5
Total loss.....	69

Number of members remaining in good standing.....	612
Number remaining suspended.....	64
Dropped during quarter, having been previously reported suspended.....	9
Expended in charity.....	\$259.85
Number of members or their families relieved....	1
Number of persons not members relieved.....	1

Number in good standing June 30, 1893.....	612
GAINS—By Muster in.....	13
By transfer	1
By reinstatement.....	15
By reinstatement from delinquent Posts..	1

Total gains	30
Aggregate.....	626
LOSSES—By death	3
By honorable discharge.....	2
By transfer.....	4
By suspension.....	104

Total loss.....	113
Number remaining in good standing.....	513
Number remaining suspended.....	91
Dropped during quarter, having been previously reported suspended.....	45
Expended in charity.....	\$49.00
Number of persons not members relieved.....	2

From these reports it will be seen that there were in good standing in the Department:

December 31, 1892.....	562 Members
June 30, 1893.....	612 Members
December 31, 1893.....	513 Members

That there was a gain of fifty members in the first half year and a loss of eighty-three in the last half year, leaving a loss of forty-nine in the year commencing January 1st, 1893, and ending December 31st, 1893, including Steadman Post of sixteen members dropped and George H. Thomas Post of sixteen members, which were lost by reason of surrender of charter during that time, and are included in the loss for the year.

Also, that the losses and gains for the year were as follows:

LOSSES—By Death.....	8
By Honorable Discharge.....	5
By Transfer.....	28
By Suspension.....	136
By Delinquencies.....	5
Dropped, no report from Steadman Post.....	16
Total Loss.....	198
GAINS—By Muster in.....	78
By Transfer.....	4
By Reinstatement.....	66
By Reinstatement from Delinquent report.....	1

Total Gains.....	149
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Which, taken from the total loss, leaves a loss during the year of 49 members, as above stated.

The loss, it will readily be seen, comes under the head of suspended, and can only be attributed to the hard times, comrades being unable to pay their dues and are thus suspended. This can, to a great extent, be avoided in the future by this Encampment passing a resolution (if in its power) to the effect that Posts remit dues in such cases.

James B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder, and U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City, have not reported the names of officers elect for 1894; neither have they reported the names of delegates to this Encampment, although repeated requests were made by letter for these reports.

The amount expended for charity during the year, as reported by the various Posts, is \$308.85. This, however, does not include money that has been given by comrades for the purpose, which has not gone into the relief fund. Some Posts have no relief fund, and when cases of need come to their knowledge collections are made of the comrades and no report is made of it or kept. It is safe to say that five times as much is expended for relief in this manner than by the relief fund.

No report has been received from Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon, during the present administration, although every effort has been made by this office in the way of writing to the Post again and again, urgently requesting reports, but no reply has been received. And, insomuch as the Post has signified no intention or desire to surrender its charter, it is, in my opinion, a matter to which the attention of this Encampment should be directed.

Charters have been issued to two new Posts since I assumed the duties of this office, namely:

Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg.

Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

These Posts, however, were organized and installed prior to the present administration.

I received twenty dollars charter fees from these two Posts and turned the same over to the A. Q. M. General, receiving his receipt therefor.

Since the organization of the Department, four Posts have surrendered their charter, viz:

John Buford Post No. 1, Fort Custer.

Alfred Sully Post No. 9, Billings.

Thomas Francis Meagher Post No. 17, White Sulphur Springs.

George H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge.

Owing to the absence of records giving the necessary information, I am unable to report the casualties of the Department since its organization. This is a matter that seems to me of the greatest importance, and suggest that an effort be made to ascertain the names of all comrades who have died in the Department, and a record kept of

them in the A. A. General's office, giving Company and Regiment in which served, date of death and where interred, etc. It has been my intention to do this, but owing to so many other datas that I have been gathering for records, I have not been able to accomplish this.

All general orders and circulars received from National headquarters have been promptly sent to the different Posts in the Department, to Department and Staff Officers as also all Department orders, and a copy of each placed on file in this office. A copy of the journal of the Twenty-Seventh National Encampment has also been mailed to each Post and Department and Staff Officers. The badge of the 27th National Encampment has been furnished to all who are entitled to it.

For reasons perhaps best known to yourself, much that should have been done remains undone. I will mention one or two that occurs to me now, and which seem to me of most importance. A roster should have been published immediately after the installation of Post Officers for the year 1894. This has not been done for two reasons: First—There being no funds available for that purpose. Second—Several of the Posts have not reported the names of their officers, although repeatedly requested by letter to do so.

The courtesy of exchanging journals and orders with the various Departments has not been extended by this Department during the present administration for reasons as above stated. No funds to publish journal and to print sufficient orders for that purpose.

There are other matters which properly should be embodied in this report, but to gather necessary datas would consume more time and labor than I could devote to accomplish the necessary result.

My experience and observations in the past year have resulted in the conviction that too much care and judgment cannot be exercised in the selection of Post Adjutants and Quarter Masters. They should be selected, not only with a view as to their clerical qualification and fitness, but more particularly to their disposition for promptness in the discharge of their duties. They are the most important officers for both Post and Department and should be selected with the utmost care and judgment.

It has been my utmost endeavor to perform the duties of this office as contemplated by the rules and regulations so far as practicable and satisfactory to all concerned. If I have succeeded in the latter, I am satisfied and have no apologies to offer.

To the officers of the various Posts I wish to say that they have my sincere thanks and appreciation for their prompt responses and ready aid at all times and under all circumstances.

To you, Commander, and to my colleagues in office, I desire to express my most profound gratitude for the services you have rendered me in the discharge of my duties, and for the friendly association that has characterized our intercourse, trusting that with the closing of this encampment and our official association, the friendship and brotherly feeling, a feeling which only those who have stood side by side and shoulder to shoulder in the "Din of Battle" can appreciate—will not diminish but grow more ardent and stronger as the years roll by and our ranks grow thinner.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant in

F. C. & L.

F. GEO. HELDT, A. A. G.

OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL }

HELENA, Montana, April 25, 1894.

J. O. Gregg, Esq., Department Commander.

COMRADE—I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Montana from May 11th, 1893, to April 25th, 1894.

At the date of my appointment by you, there was in the hands of the A. Q. M. G. the sum of \$17.26; and there had been bills allowed by the encampment for expenses incurred for the previous year, amounting to \$106.03. There were also several requisitions from the Posts for Quartermaster's supplies, and not enough material in his stock to fill any of them. There was no stationery of any kind, excepting a few old envelopes, to enable the department Commander or any of his staff officers to carry on the business of the department.

One primary reason, as it seems to me, for this entire lack of the necessary supplies of the department, is the custom of changing the location of the office and store of the A. Q. M. G. every year, by which these valuable and necessary supplies get lost and misplaced, and when the new department officers enter upon their duties there is no systematic way in vogue to get the machine started, and nobody knows where to find what there really is; and before the new roster of this department can be published, none of the Post Q. M's. know where to send for their supplies. This is particularly unfortunate in our State, where the encampments are held late in April, for early in May all the Posts usually make requisitions for badges, buttons and rank-straps for Memorial Day. In order to fill these May requisitions, and to get the necessary stationery and postage stamps, (as no money would come in from the per capita tax until the middle of June,) Wadsworth Post No. 3 kindly advanced us \$30, which enabled me to get from the

Quartermaster General supplies enough to fill all the requisitions from the Posts.

In June, the Posts very promptly made their half yearly reports, and paid their per capita taxes, so that by the first of July all the bills incurred prior to May 11th, had been paid, as well as those for new supplies of all kinds, for the Department Headquarters, and the staff officers and all the Post requisitions were promptly filled.

In my report of May 11th, 1893, I stated the value of Q. M's. supplies on hand as \$74.25. I had taken account of stock on hand at cost, but I afterwards learned that more than half of this was valueless; it being for rituals, manuals, service-books, rules and regulations, etc., etc., which were ordered to be suppressed, and were superseded by new editions, so that this old stuff could not be issued to the Posts.

In August, there was sent to me an unlocked box, said to contain the valuable property of the department. I found in it only the old Quartermaster's reports prior to 1892; about fifty of the proceedings of the encampment of 1885, '86, '87 and '88; eight volumes of the reports of the Adjutant General of Illinois, and a dozen of the large size electrotypes. Later I got from another source about two hundred large envelopes printed for the office of some former A. Q. M. G., and within a week there came into my possession a lot of blank credentials for representatives. If the A. Q. M. G's., office stays long enough in one place doubtless many lost articles may be sent home.

The old form of quarterly reports has been changed to half yearly terms, and I have in stock enough of the new forms to supply all the Posts. All requisitions for Posts have been filled to date, and the value of Q. M's. supplies on hand, in the case I have made for them, is about \$80.00.

My condensed report of the finances is as follows:

Cash on hand May 11th, 1893.....	\$ 17.26
Received for charters.....	\$ 20.00
Received for per capita tax.....	552.50
Received for Q. M's., supplies sold.....	75.37 647.87
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Total.....	\$665.13
Received for Q. M's., supplies sold.....	6.00
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Total.....	\$671.13

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry bills on hand prior to May 11th, 1893....	\$ 106.03
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	14.06
Salary of Assistant Adjutant General.....	100.00
Salary of Assistant Quartermaster General.....	100.00

Expenses of Assistant Inspector General and As-	
sistants.....	51.50
Quartermaster General for supplies.....	65.41
Encampment badges and express on same.....	38.25
Printing general orders.....	46.25
Stamped envelopes.....	17.10
Letter-heads, envelopes and printing.....	43.50
Expenses of department headquarters.....	33.00
Expenses of office of A. Q. M. G.....	22.08
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Total.....	\$637.18
Expenses of the A. Q. M. G's. office.....	7.80
Expenses of the A. A. G's office..	6.70
Cash balance on hand.....	19.45
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Total.....	\$671.13

The cash is on deposit in the Montana National Bank payable to the Department of Montana, on the order of the A. Q. M. G. The Quartermaster's supplies and account books are in my private office on Broadway.

I herewith hand you a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures with vouchers for all moneys paid, all of which were first approved by you.

Thanking you for the continuance of your confidence in me, and for your uniform courtesy and patience with my vagaries throughout a rather hard year in many respects, not only in the country at large but in the Posts and the Department.

Yours Truly, and in F. C. & L.

W. A. HAVEN,

A. Q. M. G.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

DEPARAMENT OF MONTANA. }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }

Cash expenditures from May 11th, 1893, to April 25th, 1894.

1893.	PAID TO	NO.	AMOUNT
May 17...	J. P. Stafford, Typewriting prior to May 1.	1.....	\$ 5.00
June 1...	T. H. Clewell, postage stamps and env.....	2....	6.00
" 3...	J. Taylor, Q. M. G., Quartermaster's sup...	3	34.35
" 12...	T. H. Clewell, 500 stamped envelopes.....	4.....	11.10
" 12...	J. O. Gregg, expense prior to May 11, 1893..	5.....	62.68
" 16 ..	C. K. Wells Co., printing to May 11, 1893...	6.....	4.35
" 19...	W. A. Haven, services prior to May 11, 1893	7.....	25.00
" 19...	Inter Mountain Pub. Co., printing, May 11	8.....	9.00
" 20...	F. Geo. Heldt, expense of A. A. G. office...	9	12.50
" 23. .	W. A. Haven, salary of A. Q. M. G.....	10.....	25.00
" 26...	F. Geo. Heldt, salary of A. A. G.....	11.....	25.00
" 29...	John Taylor, Q. M. G. per capita tax.....	12.....	7.65
" 29...	C. K. Wells Co., printing sundries.....	13.....	36.00
" 29...	W. A. Haven, expense of A. Q. M. G....	14.....	3.08
Aug. 8...	S. E. Snider, expense of A. I. G.....	15.....	10.00
" 9...	Leader Publishing Co.....	16.....	16.00

Dec. 21...	Louis Wagner, Q. M. G. quartermasters supplies.....	17.....	20.00
"	...W. A. Haven, salary as A. Q. M. G.....	18.....	50.00
" 22...	H. T. Beven, expense as acting A. I. G....	19.....	4.00
" 23...	F. Geo. Heldt, salary as A. A. G.....	20.....	50.00
" 26...	Leader Publishing Co., printing bill.....	21.....	27.00
1894.			
Jan. 2...	Louis Wagner, Q. M. G. quartermasters supplies.....	22.....	1.80
" 2...	Louis Wagner, per capita tax.....	23	6.41
" 2.	F. Geo. Heldt, expense of A. A. G.....	24.....	20.00
" 6 ..	Louis Wagner Q. M. G. quartermaster's supplies.....	25.....	.21
" 6...	S. E. Snider, expense as A. I. G.....	26.....	12.50
" 19...	Williams Sons, printing envelopes.....	27.....	2.00
" 23...	Louis Wagner, Q. M. G. quartermasters supplies.....	28.....	7.55
" 25...	W. A. Haven, salary as A. Q. M. G.....	29.....	25.00
Feb. 3...	Louis Wagner, quartermaster's supplies.	30.....	1.50
" 7...	S. E. Snider, expense as A. I. G.....	31.....	25.00
" 28...	Torsch & Lee, encampment badges.....	32.....	37.50
March 15...	F. Geo. Heldt, salary as A. A. G.....	33.....	25.00
" 15...	Northern Express Co. express on badges.	34.....	.75
" 21...	W. A. Haven. expense as A. Q. M. G....	35.....	14.00
" 26...	Leader Publishing Co. printing general orders.....	36.....	3.25
" 27...	F. Geo. Heldt, expense bill	37.....	.50
" 30...	Williams & Sons, receipt books.....	38.....	5.50
April 14...	Jessie Famelin, typewriting report.....	39.....	5.00
May 14.	W. A. Haven, expenses of A. Q. M. G's office.....		
" ..	Freight on boxes and postage etc	40	6.30
April 23...	M. A. Wells, typewriting.....	41.....	1.50
May 15...	F. Geo Heldt, A. A. G. expenses.....	42.....	6.70
Total			\$651.68

STATEMENT NO. 2.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }

Cash receipts from May 11th, 1893, to April 25th, 1894.

1893.			
May 11..	Cash balance in hand.....	\$	17.26
June 3..	Wadsworth Post, No 3.....per capita tax.....		30.00
" 5..	J. O. Gregg, requisition.....		.50
" 6..	S. E. Snider,.....		.50
" 8..	Lincoln Post No. 2.....		6.50
" 8..	James A. Shield.....per capita tax.....		14.50
" 10..	Wadsworth Post, No. 3.....		38.00
" 10..	Sherdian Post, No. 18.....		15.50
" 10..	John C. Fremont Post, No. 21.....		10.00
" 10..	Nat Lyons Post, No. 23.....		16.50
" 16..	Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11.....		10.50
" 17..	Custer Post, No. 5.....		7.00
" 19..	Burnside Post, No 22.....		11.00
" 20..	Thomas Kane Post, No. 12.....		7.00
" 21..	William English Post, No. 10.....		24.00
" 22..	Lincoln Post, No. 2		28.50
" 23..	Custer (bal. for 1892) No 5.....		3.00
" ..	Frank P. Blair Post No 6.....		10.00
" 26..	George G. Meade Post No 16.....		11.00
" 27..	George G. Meade Post... ..Requisition... ..		2.00
" 28..	Farragut Post, No 7.....		2.80
" 28..	" "per capita tax.....		21.50
" 29..	U. S. Grant Post, No. 14		9.500

July 31..	G. K. Warren Post, No. 20....	"	8.50
" 31..	J. B. McPherson Post, No. 13.....	"	10.50
Aug. 8..	Lincoln Post, No. 2.....	requisition.....	1.20
Sept 28..	John A. Logan Post, No. 15..	per capita tax.....	10.00
Oct. 20..	S. K. Fishel.....	requisition.....	.60
Nov. 24..	Wadsworth Post, No. 3.....	"	4.10
" 27..	Sherdian Post, No. 18.....	"	.05
Dec. 11..	F. P. Sterling.....	"	1.20
" 18..	S. A. Swiggett.....	"	1.00
" 16..	G. K. Warren Post, No. 20, per capita tax.....		9.50
" 19..	Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12.....	"	6.50
" 20..	William English Post, No. 10.....	"	17.50
" 22..	Burnside Post, No. 22.....	"	11.00
" 22..	T. H. Kleinschmidt.....	requisition.....	1.00
" 23..	Sherdian Post, No. 18.....	"	9.45
" 23..	Farragut Post, No. 7.....	"	2.10
" 23..	" " No. 7.....	per capita tax.....	19.00
" 23..	Wadsworth Post, No. 3.....	"	63.00
" 25..	Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11	"	6.00
" 26..	Sherdian Post, No. 18.....	"	15.00
" 29..	Lincoln Post, No. 2.....	"	21.00
" 30..	Custer Post, No. 5.....	"	6.00
" 31..	Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 16.....	"	10.50
1894.			
Jan. 1..	Nat Lyons Post, No. 23.....	"	10.50
" 2..	John C. Fremont Post, No. 21.....	"	9.00
" 3..	Frank P. Blair Post, No. 6.....	"	10.00
" 5..	James A. Shields Post, No. 19....	"	14.50
" 4..	S. E. Snider	requisition	1.05
" 11..	Nat Lyons Post, No. 23.....	charter.....	10.00
" 11..	Burnside Post, No. 22.....	charter.....	10.00
" 19..	Lincoln Post, No. 2.....	requisition.....	10.60
" 25..	Nat Lyons Post, No. 23.....	"	4.50
Feb. 9..	R. E. Fisk.....	"	1.05
Mar. 1..	E. F. Edwards.	"	1.05
" 1..	Nat Lyons Post, No. 23.....	"	3.75
" 3..	J. B. McPherson Post, No. 13..	per capita tax.....	8.00
" 9..	D. L. Miles.....	requisition.....	1.05
" ..	C. B. Miller.....	"	1.05
" 17 ..	Burnside Post, No. 22.....	"	7.10
" 24..	Wadsworth Post, No. 3.....	"	3.80
" 26..	Frank P. Blair Post, No. 6	"	0.80
" 29..	John C. Fremont Post, No. 21.....	"	0.12
" 30..	Sherdian Post, No. 18.....	"	1.15
" 31..	U. S. Grant Post, No. 14.....	per capita tax.....	9.50
April 3..	George G. Meade Post, No. 16 ..	requisition... ..	5.00
" 13..	John A. Logan Post, No. 15..	per capita tax.....	10.00
" 30..	Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11...	requisition	4.95
May 10..	G. K. Warren Post, No. 20	"	1.05

\$671.13

It was moved and carried that the report of the A. A. G. be referred to the Council of Administration and the thanks of the Department are tendered to F. Geo. Heldt, the A. A. G.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Asst. Q. M. General also be referred to the Council of Administration.

Report of the Assistant Judge Advocate General, Department of Montana, was then read.

OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

HELENA, Montana, May 16, 1894.

J. O. Gregg, Department Commander G. A. R., Great Falls, Montana:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Assistant Judge Advocate General of Montana.

First—I am most happy to state that during the past year, no charge has been preferred against any member of the G. A. R. in this Department.

Second—That owing to the efficiency, sound judgment and wise discretion of our most worthy department commander but few and unimportant questions have been submitted to me for consideration; the only important question submitted to me for decision has been referred to in a general order from our department commander, and, hence I do not deem it necessary to refer to said question submitted and my decision thereon. Thanking our department commander J. O. Gregg for the honor conferred and all of his staff officers for their courtesy and good fellowship, and trusting that the G. A. R. may still aid in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government.

I remain, Yours Truly in F. C. & L.,
F. P. STERLING, Asst. Judge Advocate General.

Report of the Department Chaplain.

BUTTE CITY, Montana, May 15, 1894.

To J. O. Gregg, Department Commander, Montana, G. A. R.

COMRADE AND DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to submit the following report:

I wish first of all to express my appreciation of the honor conferred in my election to the chaplaincy for two successive years, and realize the responsibility of the office. This honor and responsibility I have assumed with the greater pleasure because granted by unanimous consent.

While it must be conceded that a possible low estimate of the chaplaincy, in all its bearings, does exist among veterans, owing, perhaps, to its supposed inefficiency in the service, yet I believe sir, that the rank and file of the Grand Army of the Republic, now treading as a mass on the portals of eternity have in a good degree a realization of the need and potency of divine aid, and a wholesome reverence for the laws of God as well as those of our beloved country, and therefore in the true and hearty conceptions of the order, the office of chaplain is second to none.

In the direct line of the sacred work of the several posts of the department I have the satisfaction to report

the general observance of Memorial Day, with more than usual interest and with due solemnity and decorum, which it would be well to perpetuate. Allow me, sir, to say that it is well that in the term used in civil law in giving title to the day, viz: A National Holiday is hardly appreciated by a grateful people, and Memorial Day is hailed as its true and proper title, carrying with it, all that such name implies.

In these late years of our pilgrimage we approach our last bivouac, and through the vista of the near future catch glimpses of the final and eternal camping ground beyond. In view of this we surely must realize the inexorable law of our being, and that it behooves all to cast their eyes to the hills whence cometh all our strength, as not only the God of battles, but equally and in an infinitely sublimer sense, the Author of eternal life and joy when the grand and enduring furlough shall be afforded to us, as it has been to so many of our comrades who have passed on before by order of the Grand Commander above.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

G. W. JENKINS, Department Chaplain.

It was moved and supported that the two reports just read be accepted by this encampment and placed on file, and the thanks of the department be extended to Comrades F. P. Sterling and G. W. Jenkins for their services during the past year. Carried unanimously.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

HELENA, Montana, May 16, 1894.

Gen. J. O. Gregg, Department Commander and Comrades.

I have the honor to state that the medical director of the department has no report to make for the reason that he has no data from the surgeons of the various Posts on which to base the same, and there are no regulations defining his duties. Therefore call attention to blanks for application for membership which would seem to require examining committees to have a report of Post Surgeon on the physical condition of the applicant, giving the number and location of wounds and condition of health or disease dependent upon service. If this was properly done and a copy forwarded to the medical director, not only would valuable statistics be collected which might be available in pension cases, etc., but be important in the way of vital statistics of the organization. A record of deaths should also be kept which would often enable the Ass't Adjutant General to answer questions as to when and where Comrades have died. I therefore recommend that regulations more specifically defining duties of these officers that the position of medical director shall not be a mere figurehead.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. MILLER, M. D., Medical Director

The Medical director in lieu of a report submitted some recommendations which were referred to a special committee, as follows. Comrades T. H. Kleinschmidt, Wadsworth Post, No. 3; L. E. Holmes, Lincoln Post, No. 2 and R. M. Lightfoot, Wm. English Post, No. 10.

Report of the representatives to the last National Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind.

REPORT.

HELENA, Montana, May 16, 1894.

Commander and Comrades:

Your representatives report that they counted two at the twenty-seventh National encampment, Sept., 1893, at Indianapolis, Ind. They were there for the week, had a place to sleep, enough to eat, and there was plenty of drink had the delegation been built that way.

Headquarters were at the state house, in the heart of the city. The large room set apart for Montana was tastefully dressed with bunting and flags. There were many and pleasant calls and hospitable welcome met all comrades who came. A book for that purpose registered all comrades who visited the room.

The Montana souvenir badge—sought by many—was distributed to the limit of supply, one or more falling into the hands of most of the departments.

Your representatives answered to roll call at the business sessions, omitting none, and to the best of their ability, discharged the duties devolving upon them. By vote or voice, or both, they took part in matters and measures before the encampment from beginning to close.

Your delegates were safely guarded at all hours by the company of a pious comrade—Chaplain Snider—and his certificate of exemplary conduct will be furnished if required. He will say that lemonade was the strongest tipple and that no one stayed out late at night.

One of your representatives has the pleasure to report that his colleague in the encampment was the author of an eloquent speech to the delivery of which was due the election as National Chaplain of the soldier portion of Iowa. He was landed an easy winner by the superior oratory of the comrade of Geo. G. Meade Post.

Your delegates marched in the grand parade in which 40,000 comrades took part. The Montana colors were borne over the entire line of six miles to the end of the march, and no banner met with more or lustier plaudits than yours.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

R. E. FISK,

T. C. DAVIDSON.

It was moved and seconded that the report be received and ordered placed on file, and the thanks of the Department be extended to the several representatives.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Report of the committee on the Medical Director's report. We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director, beg leave to, and recommend, that the Assistant Quarter Master General be directed to furnish each Post duplicate blanks, embracing the questions found on the application blanks, requiring statistical information as to service, wounds, etc.

That the Post Surgeons be required to furnish semi-annually a report to the Medical Director, on such blanks furnished, a copy of the report of each applicant elected and mustered for the use of the Department. Also recommend that the Post Chaplain furnish and make semi annual report to the Medical Director a full list of deaths of comrades, members of the post, and that suitable blanks be furnished by the Assistant Quarter Master General for that purpose.

T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT,

L. E. HOLMES,

R. M. WHITEFOOT,

Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the Department Commander's report, reported as follows: That certain parts of the report be referred to a special committee; the subjects of a soldiers' home; permanent location of Assistant Quarter Master General's office; department badges, uniforms, etc. The special committee is as follows:

Comrades T. M. Pierce, William English Post No. 10; R. C. Wallace, Wadsworth Post No. 3; A. S. Kellogg, McPherson Post No. 13.

The following resolutions from the Legislature of Kentucky, and city of Louisville, asking that the next annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be held in that city, were read.

Whereas, The Grand Army of the Republic has heretofore met exclusively in what is called "the North," but whereas we recognize no sections in our country of to-day, no north and no south, believing that the bitterness of the past has died away, and that a warm reception to the Grand Army where "the sun shines bright on our old Kentucky home," here in what was once the border land between contending sections, but is now the middle land of America, will drive away forever the fading shadows of the great fraternal strife; now, be it

RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Kentucky, That in the name and on behalf of our state, a cordial invitation be, and is hereby extended to the Grand Army of the Republic to pitch its camp in 1895 on Kentucky soil, beside the noble river which in darkest days watered alike the Northland and the Southland, and now bears upon its bosom the mingled traffic of a united people.

Attest: JAS. E. STONE, Clerk House Reps.

A. J. CARROLL, Speaker House Reps.

February 15th, 1894.

Whereas, The city of Louisville, through its mayor and general council, its commercial club and its Grand Army Posts, has extended to the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially to this Department, a sincere and urgent invitation to hold the Annual Encampment of the organization for 1895 within her hospitable gates, and

Whereas, It is the sense of this Department that this generous invitation should be accepted in the same cordial spirit in which it is made; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the delegates from this Department be, and they hereby are instructed to vote as a unit at the Annual Encampment of 1894, at Pittsburg, in favor of the City of Louisville as the place for holding the Annual Encampment for 1895.

Whereas, The Grand Army of the Republic has never met south of the Ohio river, and such a meeting would lead to a better understanding and a higher appreciation between the people of the various sections of our united country, each of the other, and so conduce to that mutual respect and unity of sentiment and interest that should characterize the citizens of a great and lasting Republic; and

Whereas, The city of Louisville, by reason of its central location and accessibility from all quarters of the country, its nearness to many notable battlefields, its pleasant climate, its ability to comfortably accommodate large gatherings, and its situation, on the loyal borderland between the two great contending sections of the country in the late civil war—being a focus toward which the sentiment of North and South alike is drawn, and from which the spirit of good feeling established by such a meeting as that mentioned would most quickly permeate every section of the country—is conspicuously the most desirable of American cities for an Encampment of the Grand Army; and,

Whereas, The good people of Louisville are desirous of an opportunity to receive within their city's gates their fellow-citizens of the Grand Army, and by proper entertain-

ment to express the sentiments of respect and appreciation which animate our people; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the General Council of the City of Louisville, That a sincere and urgent invitation be, and the same is hereby cordially extended on the part of the city of Louisville and her people to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold in this city the Annual Encampment of the organization for the year 1895, and that with this invitation there be also extended the assurances of our people that in the event of its acceptance the reception accorded the Grand Army while the guests of Louisville will be equal to the most cordial reception ever accorded the organization, and such as shall increase, rather than detract from, such reputation as is now enjoyed by Kentucky and Kentuckians for generous hospitality.

I. R. McCLEERY, C. B. C.

L. T. DAVIDSON, P. B. C.

GEO. E. RAWSON, C. B. A.

CHARLES F. GRANGER, P. B. A.

Approved February 5th, 1894.

HENRY S. TYLER, Mayor.

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions just read be referred to a special committee of three. Carried.

Committee--R. E. Fisk, Wadsworth Post No. 3; P. R. Dolman, Lincoln Post No. 2; F. P. Sterling, Wadsworth Post No. 3.

It was moved and carried that this Encampment recommend that the Department Commander establish the office of Assistant Q. M. G. in some permanent place.

The Department Commander's recommendation in reference to the Department badge, was then considered, and the change as suggested by the Department Commander was adopted.

The resolution in reference to a uniform was referred to a committee as follows: Comrades Pierce, Wallace and Kellogg.

The report of the committee in reference to the recommendations of the Medical Director was adopted.

The committee in regard to communication from legislature of Kentucky and city of Louisville then reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the Twenty-Eighth National Encampment from this Department, in accordance with the cordial invitation extended, are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure for Louisville, Kentucky, the National Encampment for 1895; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said delegates make every effort in their power to secure for Comrade J. O. Gregg, the present capable Commander of the Department of Montana, the position of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment which meets in Pittsburg in September, next.

R. E. FISK,
FRANK P. STERLING,
P. R. DOLMAN,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted.

Moved and carried that the Assistant Adjutant General be authorized to answer telegrams from legislature of Kentucky.

The Commander appointed Comrades Fisk, Dolman and Sterling to draft suitable resolutions in regard to gift of gavel from state of Kentucky.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Department be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Louisville, Ky., for the gavel presented to this Department, and that the A. A. G. be requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commercial Club of that city.

Moved and supported that the resolution be received and adopted. Motion carried.

The Encampment then took a recess until 9 o'clock, Thursday morning.

Thursday morning, 9 a. m.

Encampment called to order by Department Commander Gregg.

Comrade Kleinschmidt was appointed to ascertain how many are in attendance from the various orders upon the Encampment.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the A. A. G. was adopted and heartily concurred in.

The committee appointed to consider the recommendation of the Department Commander in reference to the Soldiers' Home, census, etc., beg leave to report as follows:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES—Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Commander's address relative to State Soldiers' Home, and soldier census, beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee heartily concur in the recommendation of the Department Commander, and recommend,

First: That a committee of three on legislation be appointed by the Department Commander.

Second: That such committee draft bills upon these subjects in accordance with the recommendations of the

Department Commander, have them introduced in the legislature, and, if possible, secure their passage.

Third: That such committee consist of such members of this Department as can and will attend the next session of our legislature for such purpose. Respectfully submitted,

T. M. PIERCE,
A. S. KELLOGG,
R. C. WALLACE,

Committee.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the sincere and heartfelt thanks of this Department Encampment are hereby tendered to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies' Aid Society and the Sons of Veterans, for the very excellent entertainment and hospitality extended to this Encampment, and to its friends at the auditorium in Helena, on Wednesday evening, May 16th.

RESOLVED, That the A. A. G. be, and is hereby instructed, to furnish copies of this resolution to each of the above organizations.

The following resolution was read by Comrade Mills and adopted unanimously.

RESOLVED, That the A. A. G. be instructed to make a transcript of so much of the report of the Dept. Com. and the proceedings of this Encampment as relates to the establishment of a Soldiers' Home in Montana, and transmit the same to the governor of this state with the respectful request that he will incorporate a recommendation thereof in his message to the next session of the legislative assembly.

F. P. Sterling, as attorney in fact for the Department of Montana, G. A. R., made a verbal report as to the condition of the affairs of Comrade H. C. Yaeger, late Assistant Q. M. General of Montana, and found that upon examination of his books that the amount found to be due from him to this Department amounts to \$1,218.00, as near as can be ascertained.

Upon motion of Comrade O'Leary, duly seconded, the report was received and Comrade Sterling continued as attorney-in-fact for this Department.

The report of the Senior Vice Commander was then read and placed on file with the A. A. G.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

Office of the Senior Vice Commander.

*J. O. Gregg, Department Commander, and Comrades of the
Department of Montana, G. A. R.*

In obedience to custom, I have the honor to make the following report:

Being a subordinate officer of the Department, and not being required to perform any specific duty, but simply second in command, at all times be ready to assume command in case of the death or absence of the Department Commander. That, comrades, I have held myself in readiness to do at a moment's notice. To my great gratification, our Department Commander has been blessed with good health and a willing mind to perform his full duty, and he has done it.

Having no duty to perform except such as ordered by the Department Commander, I may add, have been obeyed by me to the letter, and executed to the best of my ability, as all good soldiers should do.

In this connection I desire to thank the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant General, and the Assistant Quartermaster General, for their kindness in promptly forwarding to me all orders for the proper discharge of my office, thereby not treating the office of Senior Vice Department Commander as a mere figurehead. I further desire to thank the other staff officers for their promptness in the discharge of their respective offices. And to all members of this Encampment, and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, please accept my sincere regards for your good will and fellowship during the past year.

I visited Meade Post, at Anaconda, and found them in most excellent condition, each comrade being in touch with his comrade. Twice during the year I visited the town of Dillon and tried to work the comrades of Steadman Post up to the advantage of being in good working order. Many of them live at a considerable distance from their Post, which entails considerable hardship to attend Post meetings. This will prove a live Post with the return of prosperity to the country. I may add that the death of one of the most active workers of Steadman was a severe blow to them.

So far as in my power I have assisted every comrade with advice and counsel, as well as encouragement. As to pensions, all that I could do for my comrades has been done. Several widows of deceased comrades have asked my assistance in their pensions. Two cases have bee

successful. To the Encampment I tender my sincere thanks. Very respectfully yours, in F. C. and L.,

P. R. DOLMAN, S. V. D. C.

To the Department Commander:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of uniforms for the Department of Montana, respectfully report:

That we recommend the adoption of a uniform for the Department as follows:

For Department and Post Officers—A sack coat, navy blue, double breasted, ten buttons in front, three on each sleeve, pocket inside, box collar.

For comrades generally—Single-breasted sack coat, navy blue, five buttons in front, three on each sleeve, pocket inside, box collar.

Pants of same goods, navy blue, three pockets and watch tob, gold cord for officers, plain for the comrades. Vest regulation G. A. R. cut, to be optional with comrades.

Hat—Regulation G. A. R. hat, with cord and initial wreath.

Belts—White web, with G. A. R. clasp and buckle.

Your committee further takes the liberty of recommending, should a Department uniform be determined upon, that the A. Q. M. G. be instructed to submit copies of description of the same as adopted to two or more reliable manufacturers of G. A. R. clothing in the United States, obtain from them schedules of the lowest prices at which they will agree to make and furnish the entire suit, and each several piece thereof, to measure, and also samples of the cloth to be used therein; and when such prices have been so obtained the same shall be promulgated to the several posts as a department circular, with such other information as to cost of expressage or postage as the A. Q. M. General shall be able to obtain, and accompanied by sample of the cloth proposed to be used.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O'LEARY, HOLMES, WHITEFOOT, } Committee.
WHITNEY, REYNOLDS, MILLS, }

The report of the committee was adopted.

TENTH
DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT
G. A. R. }

HELENA, Montana, May 16th, 1894.

To the Department Commander and Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander, respectfully report:

That we highly appreciate and heartily approve the generous action of the Department Commander in ad-

vancing the per capita dues of tardy or financially distressed Posts, thereby keeping our remote Department in the first place of all the Department Encampments in making its semi-annual reports to National Headquarters.

That we heartily approve the sound business action of the Department Commander and his staff in discharging all obligations of the Department, meeting current expenses, and still confining the expenditures of the Department the past year to the actual receipts thereof; that we appreciate highly the superior efficiency of the said officers during their term, and endorse to the fullest extent the Commander's commendation of the services of the A. A. G., the A. Q. M. G., the Inspector General, the A. J. A. G. and Chaplain of the Department.

That all good words and commendation by the Commander relating to the Woman's Relief Corps and kindred organizations, and his views in regard to the pensions and the benefits derived from frequent campfires meet with our hearty approval.

That as relates to certain resolutions contemplating the censure of late officers of this Department, referred by the Ninth to this Encampment, we recommend the broad mantle of soldierly charity be extended over all; that we let the dead past bury its dead, and that further consideration of the resolutions referred to be indefinitely postponed.

That it is highly gratifying to every right-minded comrade of the Grand Army to learn from the Commander's report that Memorial Day is now being observed with that more sacred solemnity its character demands, and that the sports and frivolities so frequent on that day in preceding years are falling into disrepute and avoidance. In this connection we recommend that the several Posts in this Department cordially and specially invite the public schools in their respective localities to participate with them as organized bodies in observances of Memorial Day.

That in regard to the Sons of Veterans' organization, we cordially approve the spirit of the Commander's fraternal affection for those who are our legitimate heirs as soldiers of the Union, and while we do not recommend for the present, at least, a consolidation of the two organizations, we do commend the Sons of Veterans' Association to the warmest and most cordial support of the G. A. R., and that our representatives to the National Encampment be and are hereby instructed to labor zealously in accomplishing a closer union between the two organizations.

That we recommend so much of the report as refers to the establishment of a Soldiers' Home, the appointment of a committee, the taking of a census of Union soldiers in

Montana in 1895, etc., be referred to a special committee to be selected by the Department Commander.

That so much of the report as relates to the permanent location of the A. Q. M. General's office, that portion relating to the Department badge, and that portion relating to the Department uniform, be referred to the Encampment for its action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. O'LEARY,
L. E. HOLMES,
L. WHITNEY,
R. M. WHITEFOOT,
JAMES H. MILLS,
Committee.

AMENDMENT.

Moved by Comrade Holmes, seconded by Comrade Sanders, that the sense of the Department Encampment is that Past Department Commander John L. Sloan of Missoula, and Past Assistant Adjutant General J. J. York of Butte, be censured for dereliction of duty.

It was moved and supported that the report of the committee as amended be received and adopted. Motion carried.

An invitation was extended the Encampment by the Helena Fire Department and military to witness display at Sixth avenue and Main street at 3 o'clock.

Invitation accepted by a full vote of the Encampment.

Moved and supported that the representation to next Encampment be the same as at this Encampment. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that the per capita tax be fixed as at present. Motion carried.

HEADQUARTERS
DIVISION ENCAMPMENT OF MONTANA,
S. V., U. S. A. }

HELENA, Montana, May 16th, 1894.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment Assembled:

The Montana Division of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in encampment assembled, acknowledges with pleasure, the receipt of your greetings this day received.

It is exceedingly gratifying to the Sons of Veterans, that the G. A. R. manifests so much interest, and exhibits such a friendly feeling toward our order, as is evidenced by such greeting.

As is well known to the members of the G. A. R., one of the principal objects of the S. O. V. organization, is to emulate the old soldiers in their devotion to country, and

We appreciate that the time will come when the G. A. R. will be something of the past, and we will be called upon to take hold where you leave off, but we earnestly hope that this day is far distant, and that there yet remains many years in which you may assemble, as on this occasion, to enjoy the pleasures of your organization.

It shall ever be our aim to so conduct ourselves, in our devotion to country, in our relations with the G. A. R., and as citizens of this great country, not only to command and preserve the friendship and respect of the members of your organization, but also that of every patriotic American citizen.

G. O. FREEMAN, Division Adjutant. W. S. VOTAW, Division Commander.

Moved and supported that the communication be received and placed on file with the A. A. G. Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars be appropriated for the services of Asst. Adjt. General for the year. Also the same amount be appropriated for the services of the Asst. Q. M. General for the year. Motion carried.

It was moved and supported that the sum of one hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) be appropriated to pay for printing the proceedings of this and other Encampment proceedings not already printed. Motion carried.

Recess taken until 1:30 p. m. During recess the Encampment was visited by a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

HELENA, MONT., May 17, 1894.

To the Members of the G. A. R.

You are very cordially invited to attend a little side entertainment to be given by the Sons of Vetrans this evening at Ideal Hall. Good music and plenty of dancing

Yours Fraternally,
W. S. VOTAW, Div. Com.

Invitation received and as many of the comrades as could attend expressed their desire to do so.

HELENA, MONT., May 17, 1894.

Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R.

We come with greetings from the W. R. C. of Montana with our motto still on high, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," the foundation on which the Grand Army now stands, happy to meet you again in '94, with the ranks almost solid; kind wishes for the future and hoping for your co-operation.

Yours in F. C. & L.

RUTH A. BURTON,

DELIA MOORE.

The communication received and placed on file.

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA. }
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. }

Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic

HELENA, MONT., May 16, 1894.

Department Commander J. O. Gregg and Comrades of the 10th Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to transmit to you a report of the relief work of the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana for the year ending March 31, 1894, as per consolidated reports.

Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	35
Number of members and families assisted.....	2
Amount expended in cash.....	\$ 143 20
Amount expended other than money.....	194 50
Amount remaining in general fund.....	219 00
Amount remaining in relief fund.....	133 13
Turned over to posts.....	46 00

At the close of March 31, 1894, our membership was 153. Since that date we have gained a charter membership of 18, making a total of 171 in good standing.

I. KIRKENDALL,

Dep. President, W. R. C.

It was moved and supported that the report of the Woman's Relief Corps be received and placed on file, and the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the same. Motion carried.

Next in order was the election of Department officers.

Comrade P. R. Dolman was nominated for the position of Department Commander. There being no further nominations it was moved and supported that the Asst. Adjt. General cast the ballot for this encampment for Comrade P. R. Dolman for Department Commander. Carried.

Comrade R. E. Fisk was unanimously elected to the office of Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade F. Geo. Heldt was elected to the office of Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade R. M. Whitefoot was elected to the office of Department Medical Director.

Comrade Geo. W. Jenkins was elected to the office of Department Chaplain.

The following comrades were elected Council of Administration.

Comrade J. B. Scott, Lincoln Post No. 2., Butte.

Comrade T. O'Leary, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Comrade H. S. Howell, Frank P. Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Comrade B. F. Osborn, Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Comrade Geo. Ten Eyck, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder.

Comrade Geo. Ten Eyck was elected delegate at large to the 28th National Encampment.

Comrade R. C. Wallace was elected delegate to the 28th National Encampment.

Comrades R. M. Whitefoot and C. S. Shoemaker were elected alternates to the 28th National Encampment.

Communication from the Sons of Veterans was received and read.

Sons of Veterans Hall, 2:10 p. m.

COMRADE GREGG—Will you kindly let us know at once by messenger sent with this, if there will be a parade or that it is the desire of the G. A. R. that the Sons join with them, if there is no parade, in marching to the place where the fire department makes display.

Yours, etc.,

W. S. VOTAW.

The invitation from Lincoln Post No. 2, G. A. R., Butte, Montana, asking that the Eleventh Department Encampment be held in that city, was accepted.

Moved and supported that the Department Commander-elect call the attention of the several Posts in the state to persons wearing the G. A. R. button not entitled to wear them, and have the law enforced in regard to the section of General Laws bearing on this question. Carried.

Moved and supported that the Department Commander-elect be given further time to appoint committees. Carried.

Comrade Sanders was appointed Mustering Officer to install the officers elect.

The following officers were then duly installed:

Peter R. Dolman, Department Commander.

Robert E. Fisk, S. V. Department Commander.

F. Geo. Heldt, J. V. Department Commander.

George W. Jenkins, Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander made the following appointments, who were also duly installed:

Perry H. Manchester, A. A. G.
Wm. A. Haven, A. Q. M. G.
T. C. Davidson, Department Inspector.
Frank P. Sterling, A. J. A. G.
J. H. Nixon, Chief Mustering Officer.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the National Encampment be, and are hereby instructed, to endeavor to procure in the next National Encampment the adoption of a ritual for the installation ceremony of Department officers, and in their failure to secure the same, that the Department Commander be authorized and requested, immediately after being informed of such failure, to appoint a committee to formulate such installation ritual which, when approved by the Department Commander, shall be adopted and used at public and private installations in the Department.

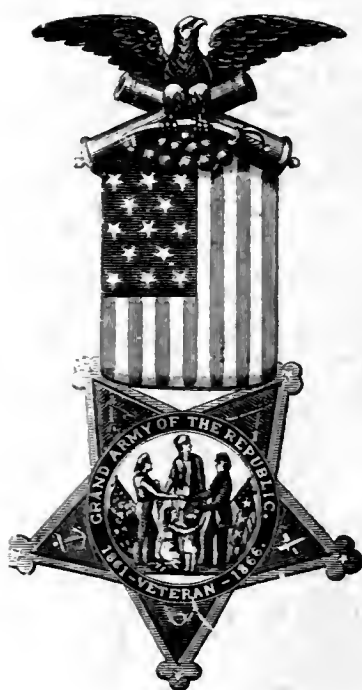
The Department Commander appointed the following committee on legislation: Comrades T. O'Leary, F. P. Sterling, H. S. Howell, J. H. Mills and C. B. Miller.

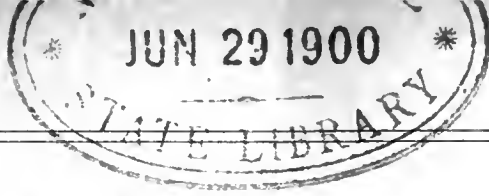
The Department Commander appointed the following committee on publishing proceedings: Comrades P. H. Manchester, F. Geo. Heldt and Ed. S. Walker.

A resolution of thanks to the retiring officers was unanimously adopted.

Moved and supported that this Encampment tender its hearty thanks to Wadsworth Post No. 3 for the cordial manner in which they entertained the Department Encampment. Carried unanimously.

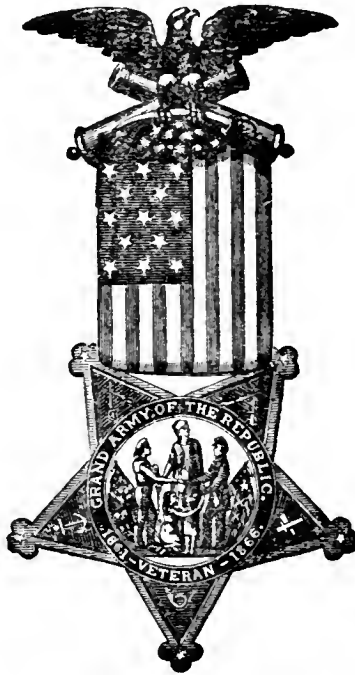
No further business coming before the Encampment, the Tenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, closed in usual form in F. C. and L.





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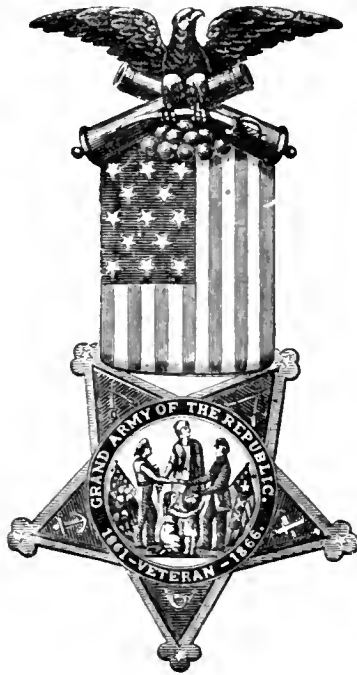
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OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

BUTTE, MONTANA, April 10th, 1895.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 7, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at the hall of Lincoln Post No. 2, at 10 o'clock A. M. April 9th, 1895. In the absence of the Department Commander the Encampment was called to order by Senior Vice-Commander, Robert E. Fisk.

General Orders No. 7 and 8, calling the Encampment were read: owing to delay in the arrival of the representatives from several Posts, the Encampment took a recess until one o'clock after appointing the following committees, viz:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W. H. SAFFORD, of Sheridan Post No. 18.

LEVI E. HOLMES, of Lincoln Post No. 2.

GEORGE W. SHAW, of Wadsworth Post No. 3.

EBER GOLDER, of George G. Meade Post No. 16.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

TIMOTHY O'LEARY, of George G. Meade Post No. 16.

W. J. PLUME, of Nat. Lyons Post No. 23.

FREDERICK HOPP, of Steedman Post No. 8.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was opened in due form by the Senior Vice-Commander at one o'clock. The report of the Committee on Order of Business was then read as follows:

Your Committee on Order of Business for the 11th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully report and recommend the following to be the Order of Business for the Encampment:

1. Opening of Department Encampment in due form.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Calling Roll of Members.
5. Report of Officers, beginning with that of Department Commander.
6. Appointment of proper number of Committees of three each, to whom shall be referred the reports of Officers.
7. Reception and reference of Communications from Posts, to be called according to Seniority.
8. Reception and reference of Communications from Individuals
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. New Business.
12. Election and Installation of Officers.
13. Closing Exercises.

This Order of Business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Encampment: the vote to be taken, on motion for such purpose, without debate.

For the purpose of expediting the business of future Encampments, it is recommended that a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three members, (of which the Assistant Adjutant General shall be Chairman) be appointed by the Department Commander in advance of the time of the meeting of the Encampment, to the end that such Committee may be ready to present its report of membership when that particular order of business is reached as recommended.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

T. O'LEARY,
D. L. PLUME.

The report of the Committee on Credentials, after having been amended by substituting names at the request of the representatives from several Posts, was then adopted, and on roll call those members marked with a star (*) answered to their names:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander,	-	-	-	PETER R. DOLMAN.
Senior Vice-Commander,	-	-	-	ROBERT E. FISK.*
Junior Vice-Commander,	-	-	-	F. GEORGE HELDT.*
Chaplain,	-	-	-	GEORGE W. JENKINS.*
Medical Director,	-	-	-	R. M. WHITEFOOT.*
Assistant Adjutant General,	-	-	-	PERRY H. MANCHESTER.*
Assistant Quartermaster General,	-	-	-	WILLIAM A. HAVEN.*
Judge Advocate,	-	-	-	FRANK P. STERLING.
Inspector,	-	-	-	T. C. DAVIDSON.*
Chief Mustering Officer,	-	-	-	J. H. NIXON.*

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

J. B. SCOTT, Lincoln Post No. 2.*
 T. O'LEARY, George G. Meade Post No. 16.*
 H. S. HOWELL, Frank Blair Post No. 6.*
 B. F. OSBORN, William English Post No. 10.*
 GEORGE TENEYCK, J. B. McPherson Post No. 13.

ROLL CALL OF ENCAMPMENT.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

THOMAS P. FULLER, Helena.
 CHARLES S. WARREN, Butte.*
 ELA C. WATERS, Eau Claire. Wis.
 JUNIUS G. SANDERS, Helena.
 JAMES E. CALLOWAY, Virginia City.
 ED. F. FERRIS, Bozeman.*
 HARRY C. KESSLER, Butte.*
 JOHN L. SLOANE, Missoula.
 JOSEPH O. GREGG, Great Falls.*

LINCOLN POST No. 2, BUTTE.

W. P. RODEBANK, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

JAMES D. JENKS,*	LEVI E. HOLMES,*
CHARLES S. WARREN,*	JOHN RAILEY,*
HARRY C. KESSLER,*	J. H. JACKSON,*
C. S. SHOEMAKER,*	JAMES E. DOWD,*
PETER R. DOLMAN,	JOHN B. SCOTT.*

Representatives.

S. H. ALMON,*
 B. N. BEEBE,*

Alternates.

J. B. GLOVER,
 THOMAS RAFFERTY.

WADSWORTH POST No. 3, HELENA.

ALMAR P. WEBSTER, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

THOMAS P. FULLER,
ROBERT C. WALLACE,*
JUNIUS G. SANDERS,
GEORGE W. SHAW,*
ROBERT E. FISK,*

ED. S. WALKER,*
FRANK P. STERLING,
RICHARD A. CRAIG,
H. F. C. KLEINSCHMIDT,*
CHARLES F. GAGE,*

T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT.* Also

JAMES H. MILLS, P. C. of George H. Thomas Post No. 4, and
SAMUEL K. FISHEL, P. C. of John Buford Post No. 1, charters sur-
rendered.

Representatives.

CHARLES B. MILLER,*
JOHN R. HILMAN,*
WILLIAM POTTER,*
JAMES B. LOOMIS,*
ALFRED C. VOTAW.*

Alternates.

JAMES MCKENZIE,
C. B. NEWBURY,
THOMAS O'CONNER,
GEORGE H. PIATT,
CHARLES HORN.

CUSTER POST No. 5, SHERIDAN.

ORVILLE F. PARMETER, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

EDWIN L. DICKINSON, ELIAS P. DAY,
GEORGE W. RIGHTENOUR.

Representatives.

SIMEON DENO.*

Alternates.

FRANK BLAIR POST No. 6, VIRGINIA CITY.

HIRAM L. CHILDS, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

JAMES E. CALLAWAY,
HENRY N. BLAKE,
STEPHEN GAINAN,
EUGENE STARK,
JOHN B. CARRUTHERS.

THOMAS P. COX,
JOHN H. DAVIS,
JAMES B. HOW,
SAMUEL PAGE,
A. E. GLOYD.*

Representatives.

HORATIO S. HOWELL,*
O. D. LINSLEY.

Alternates

N. RODGERS,
WILLIAM HAYDEN

FARRAGUT POST No. 7, LIVINGSTON.

WILLIAM H. YEATON, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

F. W. WRIGHT,
PIERCE HOOPES,
JOHN SKILLEN,

H. J. HOPPE,
THOS. J. MAINS,
A. B. HICKS,
GEORGE T. CHAMBERS.*

Representatives.

Alternates.

N. EBERT,*
A. E. OWENS.

P. H. FISHER,
J. N. DODGE.*

STEEDMAN POST No. 8, DILLON.

JOSEPHUS RICH, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

THOMAS LOUGHBRIDGE, OTHO KLEMM,
BENJAMIN BOND.

Representatives.

Alternates.

FRED. HOPP,*
CHRIS. DARNITZER,*

J. B. TOWNSEND.

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST No. 10, BOZEMAN.

CHARLES H. SPRAGUE, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

BENJAMIN F. OSBORN,*
WILLIAM Y. SMITH,
LESTER S. WILLSON,*
JAMES A. McELROY,*

J. H. NIXON,*
JOSEPH M. LINDLEY,*
THOMAS M. PIERCE,*
ED. F. FERRIS,*

CHARLES E. LANCASTER.

Representatives.

Alternates.

GEORGE W. FLANDERS,*
W. P. MATTHEWS,*

J. C. COMB,
JAMES MARDIS.

FRED WINTHROP POST No. 11, MISSOULA.

SAMUEL BELLEW, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

JOHN L. SLOANE,
C. W. LOMBARD,

WILLIAM H. H. DICKINSON,
W. E. BANCROFT,
ANDREW MOORE.

Representatives.

Alternates.

L. W. GRANTIER,
WILLIAM SANDERS.

ANDREW MOORE,
A. DOCKSTODER.

THOMAS L. KANE POST No. 12, GLENDIVE.

JAMES S. ALMY, COMMANDER.

Representatives.

Alternates.

MORRIS P. WYMAN,
CHARLES N. SMITH.JOHN BARNBER,
JAMES McCORMICK.

J. B. McPHERSON POST No. 13, BOULDER.

BENJAMIN F. HOOPEs, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

GEORGE TEN EYCK,
A. S. KELLOGG,WILL KENNEDY,
GEORGE F. COWAN,

J. H. MILLER.

No Representatives elected.

U. S. GRANT POST No. 14, MILES CITY.

No Report.

JOHN A. LOGAN POST No. 15, BILLINGS.

No Report.

GEORGE G. MEADE POST No. 16, ANACONDA.

JOHN BARRY, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

AUSTIN B. GATES,
THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,*
JOHN S. WISNER,*NATHAN H. MORLEY,*
EBER GOLDBER,*
AUGUSTUS SHORT.*

ALso ROGER EDWARDS, P. C. OF WM. ENGLISH POST No. 10.

Representatives.

Alternates.

JOHN HALLOHAN,*
W. S. WHITELEY.WM. APPLEBY,
H. WALLACE.

SHERIDAN POST No. 18, GREAT FALLS.

JOHN A. CLARKE, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

CHARLES TAYLOR,
JOSEPH O. GREGG,*

F. GEORGE HELDT,*
FRANK COOMBS,
P. H. HUGHES.

Representatives.

Alternates.

C. E. THAYER,
W. H. SAFFORD.*

J. CARR,
D. W. BEECHER.

JAMES A. SHIELDS POST No. 19, LEWISTOWN.

BENSON H. BOWMAN, COMMANDER.

Past Commanders.

SAMUEL S. HARPER,
THOMAS J. FROST,

RICHARD W. NOBLE,
JOHN McCOURT,
JAMES READ.

Representatives.

Alternates.

B. F. FISHBAUM,
JAMES READ.

ALEXANDER BRANSEN,
OBART HOST.

G. K. WARREN POST No. 20, FORT BENTON.

JOHN C. DUFF, COMMANDER.

Past Commander.

J. J. DONNELLY.

No Representatives.

JOHN C. FREMONT POST No. 21, HAMILTON.

FREDERICK HOFFMAN, COMMANDER.

Past Commander.

W. B. HARLAND.

No Representatives.

BURNSIDE POST No. 22, PHILIPSBURG.

MORRIS SHARPE, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

JAMES K. PARDEE,

WILLIAM T. ALLISON

Representative.

Alternate.

JAMES K. PARDEE.

J. A. MATTHEWS.

NAT LYONS POST No. 23, KALISPELL.

LYMAN LORING, COMMANDER.*

Past Commanders.

DAVID J. PLUME.*

R. C. PALMER,*

R. A. ROLLINS.

Representative.

Alternates.

W. J. SPARK.*

WILLIAM P. EMERSON,
E. HARK.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the Department Commander may be granted the privilege of presenting his report to the Council of Administration to be appointed by this Encampment, and that it be embodied in the proceedings of this Encampment.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

COMRADES:

At the Tenth Annual Encampment, I had the high honor of being chosen your Department Commander for the ensuing year. So far as is in my power I have devoted myself to the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

The year now drawing to a close has been one of very great financial depression. Knowing well when times are hard we, one and all lose our enthusiasm, and that being true, I have during the year just closing advised as much leniency extended to the weaker Posts in the Department as in my judgment was consistent with the prosperity of the Department, believing that the best policy is to tide over weak Posts until the financial skies are brighter.

Twice during the year I visited Wadsworth Post No. 3, and found a large attendance of comrades and the discipline faultless. I also had the pleasure of attending George G. Meade Post No. 16, and while they are few in numbers, they are a host in enthusiasm. My own Post (Lincoln) I attended regularly during the year, believing it the duty of the Department Commander to attend his own Post meetings.

It has been a very great pleasure to meet and encourage comrades from all parts of the Department, to ask them to give their best endeavors to the building up of the Order.

I have had many matters submitted to me during the year as regards pensions, assisting to get soldiers' records in form so they might join a Post, and I may add that success in many instances was the reward. As regards the condition of the Department there seems to be a growing desire among Comrades to enter into Grand Army work with enthusiasm, which is certainly very gratifying.

In January it became evident (from the number of bills before the Legislature of Montana) that an act to locate and establish a soldiers' home with an appropriation sufficient to accomplish such an object would fail to pass. I visited the capital and in conference with the Judge Advocate, Comrades Mills, Fisk and others we deemed it advisable to ask the Posts of the Department to pass uniform resolutions, as forwarded by the Department Commander, asking the legislature to pass an act appointing and creating a commission to locate the home. All Posts of the Department passed and forwarded said resolutions to their respective representatives in the Legislature which met with the approval of the members of the Legislature, and an act was passed creating such Board with an appropriation of five thousand dollars for running expenses for the first year and ten thousand dollars for buildings, which is very gratifying. To Comrade O'Leary the thanks of the Department are due for his personal attention at the Legislature in getting the above bill passed.

In all of my efforts for the Department, I have been assisted by Senior Vice Commander, R. E. Fisk, Junior Vice Commander, F. George Heldt, in the most loyal and enthusiastic manner. To Comrade P. H. Manchester, Assistant Adjutant General, I desire to tender my thanks for his zealous work. In him the Department has had an officer whose fidelity to duty has been untiring. In the great explosion when every window in his house was blown out, and with a shattered roof over his family, he did not forget to ask National Headquarters to grant him time to complete his reports. Time was promptly granted, and I may add the reports were forwarded leaving us occupying an honorable position at National Headquarters.

The Assistant Quartermaster General's office has been conducted in a business manner that has kept this office in the highest rate of efficiency materially adding to the smooth running of the Department during the past year. To Comrade Haven, I feel much indebted as he has left nothing undone to forward the interest of the Department.

To Comrade Frank P. Sterling, Judge Advocate, I am under obligations for his kindly assistance on all questions arising that required a legal interpretation during the year. His judgment and counsel on all legal points concerning the G. A. R., I found most valuable.

Medical Director, R. M. Whitefoot, T. C. Davidson, Inspector, George W. Jenkins, Chaplain, and J. H. Nixon, Chief Mustering Officer, all do I desire to thank for their kind assistance in their respective offices and for making prompt reports of duties performed by them.

Comrades; permit me to tender to you my most sincere thanks and regards for the honor you have conferred upon me, and for the loyal as-

sistance you rendered to me and now in handing over the command of this Department to my successor, I am happy to state it is with love and respect to every Comrade in the Department, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

PETER R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,
G. A. R.

HELENA, April, 1895.

P. H. MANCHESTER, A. A. G., DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

COMRADE:

I have the honor to report that during my incumbancy of the office of Senior Vice Commander, it has happened that I have been largely exempt from the many labors and responsibilities that have rested upon the supreme authority of the Department. Fortunately for nearly the entire year, our active and zealous Commander and his equally active and zealous staff have been within the Department and in attendance upon their duties, and hence, the burdens of office have been lightly felt by subordinates to the chief. The good of the Order, it seems to me, has been carefully looked after, constantly guarded, and the best expectations of the Comrades realized in the management of the Department.

With your delegates chosen at the last preceding Encampment, and other representatives of the Department, I attended the 28th National Encampment held at Pittsburg on September 8th. It was a pleasure and gratification there to march, with these Comrades of Montana, in one of the grandest parades of the grandest body of soldier veterans on earth, and also to share with these representatives of the Department, the distinguished honor of participating in the Councils of the Order, the grandest, the most patriotic assemblage or the world.

In at least three of the nine Encampments of the National body, it has been my good fortune to attend, I have had, as a colleague and marching Comrade, the present Department Commander, the enthusiastic Dolman. Other than your elected representatives, Comrades Ten Eyck and Wallace, at the Pittsburg Encampment, were the Department Commander, and Past Department Commander Gregg, the latter prospectively an officer of the National staff, with distinguished and warm supporting Comrades throughout the country.

The representatives in the National body, a year ago, reflected the highest credit upon the Department, and the sincere hope is expressed that the 29th Encampment will see assembled as many or more of the Comrades at Louisville.

Comrades; in the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, all I trust, will remain faithful and true. In our noble, patriotic Order every Comrade takes a great pride. As our numbers become less let

Comradeship grow nearer and love, one for another, increase. No better, more eloquent and patriotic words than these, spoken by the Commander-in-Chief, a year ago, can be used here: "Keep sacred the memory of our dead; stand loyally for the interests of the living, and above and beyond all see to it that the flag we love so well and followed so long is not trailed in the dust. Place it higher until its stars mingle with those in the heavens, and its stripes can be seen by all the world, telling that it is the emblem of equal rights and National Unity, saved and made purer and brighter by the loyalty and devotion of the defenders."

In F. C. & L.

R. E. FISK,

Senior Vice Commander.

The report was received and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

BUTTE, MONT., April 9th, 1895.

COMMANDER:

The office of Senior Vice Commander, with which I am honored, may properly be compared with the fifth wheel of a gun carriage, which is held in reserve and brought into service only in case of an accident. Fortunately for me none of the wheels bearing the burden of the Department for the past year have failed in the performance of their duties, and I consequently have not been called upon for active service, with the exception, however, of a period covering about ten days, during which time both the Commander and Senior Vice Commander, being absent from the Department, the duties of Commander necessarily fell upon me.

During this short period, however, nothing transpired that would suggest a report. I have, however, casually observed the workings and progress of the Department and its various branches, and am pleased to say, that taking all things into consideration, I believe Montana will, in the near future, be one of the banner Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic. To bring it to this standard, however, it is necessary that each officer and member of the G. A. R. put his shoulder to the wheel and do his utmost to promote the prosperity and welfare of our Order.

Thanking you, Commander, and my Comrades in general, for the courtesies shown me, and the brotherly feeling you have exhibited, I remain,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

F. GEORGE HELDT,

Junior Vice Commander.

Received and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

BUTTE, MONTANA, April 9th, 1895.

TO GENERAL PETER R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic I hereby submit the report of the Assistant Adjutant General from the 10th Annual Encampment up to the above date, the opening of the 11th Annual Encampment, and ending with this Encampment.

The headquarters of this Department were established in this city the following week after the Encampment adjourned at Helena, May 17th, 1894. The property of this office was transferred to this city by Past Assistant Adjutant General, F. George Heldt.

General Order No. 1, was promptly issued and forwarded to the different Posts and Department officers announcing the command of Department Commander Peter R. Dolman, in charge of the Department.

Below is a consolidated report of the Posts and members of this Department for the year 1894.

December 31st, 1893, Number of members in good standing, 513

June 30th, 1894, Number of members in good standing, 530

December 31st, 1894, Number of members in good standing, 524

It will be seen by the above that the first half of 1894, there was a gain of 17 members, and the second half of 1894, a loss of 6 members, leaving a total gain of 11 members. In my report to the Adjutant General of June 30th, 1894, Steedman Post No. 8, was reported as having made no report and on October 29th, 1894, I succeeded in getting their report of June 30, 1894, with 16 members. It being too late to then report them to National Headquarters, I added them to my December 31st, report as being reinstated from delinquent reports, thus showing a gain of 16 members, but for that, the Department would show a loss of 5 members during 1894.

The loss and gain in this Department for the year 1894, is as follows:

Losses by death	7
Losses by honorable discharge	6
Losses by transfer	6
Losses by suspension	54
Total loss	73
Gains by muster in.	38
Gains by transfer	10
Gains by re-instatement	19
Gains by re-instatement (Steedman Post)....	17
Total gain	84

which leaves a gain of membership to the Department of eleven members.

In my June 30th, 1894 report, to National Headquarters I reported eighteen Posts in good standing, though I had not received the reports from Custer Post No. 5, at Sheridan; U. S. Grant Post No. 14, at Miles City, and John A. Logan Post No. 15, at Billings, a total membership as reported of 41 members.

In my December 31st report to National Headquarters, I reported 19 Posts in good standing, but at this date I am short of the reports from U. S. Grant Post No. 14, at Miles City; John A. Logan Post No. 15, at Billings; G. K. Warren Post No. 20, at Fort Benton, and John C. Freemont Post No. 20, at Hamilton, a total membership of 76, therefore we are reporting to National Headquarters 76 more members than we really have as reported in good standing in this Department.

I received the 1st June report on June 12th, 1894, it being Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, at Missoula, and on October 29th, 1894, I received the report from Steedman Post No. 8, at Dillon. The next latest was Nat Lyons Post No. 23, at Kalispell, which was received October 16th, 1894.

Commander and Comrades, you will readily see what an Assistant Adjutant General has to contend with in writing letter after letter to different Post Commanders and Adjutants in order to keep up the record of the Department, and to get reports from the different Posts, when, if they would consider that just for a few moments time spent by the officers of the Posts at the end of each half year, to make out their returns, and forward them to the Department Headquarters, it would not only save a great deal of worry upon the Assistant Adjutant General, but it would also save some expense that the Department Officers are put to unnecessarily. I would simply state to this Department that part of the delay of the June reports was owing to the great railroad strike that was on from the 26th day of June to the 26th day of July.

There has been issued from these Headquarters eight general orders, and one supplement to Order No. 8, and they have been mailed promptly to the different Posts and Department officers throughout this Department, also to National Headquarters.

I have in my possession at this date a list of the officers of the different Posts throughout this Department elected and appointed for the year 1895, with the exception of Posts numbers 14, 15 and 20. I have written a number of times to Commander J. C. Duff, at Fort Benton, Post No. 20, also Thomas Coatsworth, the Adjutant, and have also sent registered letters, and as yet I have been unable to get any reply with the exception of the return of the registered card informing me that said letters have been received.

In regard to U. S. Grant and John A. Logan Posts number 14 and 15, am sorry to state, that they both wish to surrender their charters as they say it is impossible for them to even keep up their per capita tax, let alone having any meeting. McPherson Post No. 13, of Boulder, sent in their report and per capita tax, but reported no election of officers or delegates, for 1895. The Commander of John C. Freemont No. 21, for 1894, E. L. DeHaven, I am sorry to state, has been a defaulter and has left the country with some of the valuables and what little funds the Post had, and it was quite difficult for the newly elected officers which were elected in March, 1895, to get matters right again. We have as yet

received no Adjutant's report from them, nor per capita tax for the last one-half year of 1894, but have a full list of their officers for 1895.

The relationship and friendly feeling that has existed between these headquarters and throughout the Department has been good so far as I can understand, and I feel grateful to the balance of the Department officers for the courtesy shown me during my administration.

There has been some extra work put upon me the past year, and I have tried to do my duty as a soldier and for the Grand Army cause, and I will leave it for the comrades to say for themselves whether this office has been properly attended to, and its duties performed. This extra work you will see in a report from the committee on printing.

The badges of the 28th National Encampment, held in Pittsburg last September, have been distributed to comrades who are entitled to them, also the proceedings of said 28th National Encampment have been sent to the different Posts and Department officers.

The roster of this Department was made soon after the encampment of 1894, by the Department Commander and myself, and mailed to each Department officer, Past Department Commanders, Council of Administration, Aides-de-Camp, Delegates and Alternates to National Encampment, to the National officers, and a number to each Post in the Department to distribute among its members.

All other business pertaining to this office I have tried to do, to the best of my ability.

In closing this my annual report, I only wish to state, that it is needless to remind the comrades of their duties as Grand Army men. Let every officer of the different Posts try while they are in office to bring the standing of their Post up to a little higher grade than their former comrades left it, and to attend to their duties as they would attend to their own private duties as citizen soldiers.

On writing General Order No. 8, it was with a deep sense of sorrow that I was obliged to announce the death of Mrs. Helen C. Dolman, wife of General Peter R. Dolman, our Department Commander, who died on March 27th, 1895, and on removing her remains to their old home, Louisiana, Mo., our worthy Commander will be absent from this Encampment.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,

PERRY H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Received and referred to the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

BUTTE, MONT., April 9th, 1895.

TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

Your Committee on Legislation respectfully reports that they prepared and presented to the Legislative Assembly, a bill, for erecting a soldiers' home in Montana, and such bill was enacted into a law of the State. It creates a board of five managers to be appointed by the Gov-

ernor, one of whom must be the Department Commander during his term of office. The board will have full authority to select the location of the home and to make all rules and regulations for its government.

TIMOTHY O'LEARY,
Chairman.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the Committee on Legislation for their efficient services during the past winter in the matter of the Soldiers Home.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HELENA, MONT., April 9th, 1895.

PETER R. DOLMAN, ESQ.,
Commander.

COMRADE:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as Assistant Quartermaster General for the term from May 18th, 1894, to April 9th, 1895.

The continued depression of business, and the low price of silver, has been felt in the finances of the Posts and consequently by the Department. The total receipts from all sources having been one hundred and fifty-seven dollars less than during the preceding year; but on the other hand, following your instructions to keep our expenditures, if possible, within our income, and at the same time provide all the supplies necessary for the transaction of the business of the Department officers, and to fill promptly the requisitions of the Posts, the expenditures of the Department (leaving out the cost of printing the Journal of the Encampments for the years 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894) have been two hundred and forty-seven dollars less than last year; but in making this comparison it must be borne in mind that the expenditures of 1893-4 included the payment of bills contracted the year before that, and also that in the beginning of that year the headquarters of the Department was almost destitute of supplies of all sorts which had to be provided immediately.

The cost of printing the Journal of the Encampments is \$150, and there were not funds enough in my hands to pay the whole of it. I have therefore made a payment of \$100 on account, leaving a balance of \$50, to be paid when the per capita tax is paid by the Posts in July.

There are five Posts in arrears of dues as follows:

Steedman Post No. 8 made a quarterly report April 1st, 1893, and paid to the A. Q. M. G. \$4. It made no further reports during that year; therefore it is in arrears for three-fourths of the year 1893. It made no reports for the year 1894.

U. S. Grant Post No. 14; John A. Logan Post No. 15; G. K. Warren Post No. 20, and John C. Fremont Post No. 21 made no reports for 1894.

and are therefore in arrears of dues. All the other Posts of the Department made their semi-annual reports in time to enable us to make the proper returns to the National Encampment in due season.

By the last reports from the Posts I find that the value of Post property is as follows:

Cash in Post funds.....	\$ 475 70
Cash in relief funds	121 48
Value of real estate	280 00
Value of furniture, flags, etc.....	1,260 55
Total	\$2,137 73

In my correspondence with the Post officers, I find considerable complaint that the Posts get nothing in return for the money paid for per capita tax, not even reports of the annual Encampments until years have passed and all interest in them is lost. I therefore beg leave to recommend that you advise the Encampment to vote to publish the proceedings every year, and that copies be sent to each Post not later than July 1st of the year of the Encampment. If the receipts for 1895-6 are even as much as during the past year, this can be done, besides paying all other bills, and still leave a small surplus at the end of the year.

My condensed report of the finances of the Department is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 18th, 1894.	\$ 19 45
Received per capita tax from Posts	457 00
Received for Quartermaster's supplies sold	46 86
Total.....	\$523 31

EXPENDITURES.

Per capita tax National Encampment	\$ 13 17
Salaries of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G	200 00
Badges for 11th Annual Encampment....	13 75
Quartermaster's supplies purchased.....	36 43
Printing, postage, stationery, expenses of headquarters.....	122 20
Box for Department banner, expense to and from Pittsburg.....	15 00
Paid on account of publishing Journal of Encampment	100 00
Total	\$500 55
Cash balance on hand.....	22 76
Total	\$523 31

The cash is on deposit in the Montana National Bank, of Helena, to the credit of the Department of Montana G. A. R., payable to the order of the A. Q. M. G. when officially notified of his appointment. The supplies are in my office in Helena, and are insured for \$100.

I herewith submit to you and the Council of Administration detailed statements of all receipts and expenditures, with vouchers approved by you, of all money paid out.

Thanking you and the other Department officers, as well as the Post officers with whom I have had correspondence, for their uniform courtesy and kindness during this term. I am,

Yours truly and in F. C. and L.

WILLIAM A. HAVEN,
A. Q. M. G.

Detailed statements of receipts and expenditures of the Assistant Quartermaster General for the term from May 18th, 1894, to April 9, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST.	NO.	PER CAPITA TAX.		Q. M. SUPPLIES.
		JUNE 30.	DEC. 31.	
Lincoln.....	2	\$23 00	\$22 50	\$5 68
Wadsworth.....	3	66 50	62 50	7 55
Custer.....	5	5 00	5 00	5 01
Frank Blair.....	6	10 50	10 50	3 92
Farragut.....	7	17 50	17 00	5 50
Steedman.....	8	8 00	8 00	.....
Wm. English.....	10	16 00	17 00	4 30
Fred. Winthrop.....	11	10 00	13 00	1 05
Thomas L. Kane.....	12	6 50	6 00	.....
J. B. McPherson.....	13	8 00	8 50	.....
U. S. Grant.....	14	.....	.....	.....
John A. Logan.....	15	.....	.....	.....
George G. Meade.....	16	12 50	11 50	3 50
Sheridan.....	18	15 00	13 00	3 00
James A. Shields.....	19	12 00	6 00	.....
G. K. Warren.....	20	.....	.....	.....
John C. Fremont.....	21	.....	.....	.....
Burnside.....	22	10 00	10 00	.....
Nat Lyons.....	23	13 50	12 50	.....
Summary.....	.....	\$234 00	\$223 00	\$39 51

Total from Posts.....	\$496 51
Badges and Rank Straps sold to staff officers and others.....	7 35

Total receipts.....	\$503 86
Amount of cash on hand May 18th, 1894.....	19 45

Total.....	\$523 31
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EXPENDITURES.

Date.	No.		Amount.
1894			
June 23.....	1	Williams & Sons, letterheads and envelopes.....	\$16 50
" 23.....	2	Standard Printing Co., general orders.....	5 00
" 27.....	3	W. A. Haven, 1st quarter salary A. Q. M. G.....	25 00
" 27.....	4	P. H. Manchester, 1st quarter salary A. A. G.....	25 00
July 6.....	5	Louis Wagner, Q. M. G., requisition for supplies.....	24 15
" 25.....	6	W. A. Haven, expense bill, postage, etc.....	17 42
" 25.....	7	W. A. Haven, 2d quarter salary A. Q. M. G.....	25 00
" 26.....	8	Louis Wagner, per capita National Encampment.....	6 62
Aug. 2.....	9	Williams & Sons, Adjutant's Warrants.....	2 50
" 10.....	10	H. S. Donnelly, box for banner.....	6 00
" 11.....	9	Williams & Sons, printing envelopes.....	1 25
" 15.....	11	Standard Printing Co., rosters and general orders.....	17 50
" 30.....	12	N. P. Express Co., express on banner to Pittsburg.....	4 25
Sept. 20.....	13	G. N. Express Co., express on banner from Pittsburg.....	4 75
Oct. 4.....	14	Williams & Sons, 100 Post Q. M. Bonds.....	3 00
Nov. 1.....	19	T. H. Clewell, P. M., stamped envelopes.....	4 44
" 2.....	20	Independent Pub. Co., printing envelopes.....	1 13
" 24.....	21	P. H. Manchester, 2d quarter salary A. A. G.....	25 00
" 24.....	21	P. H. Manchester, postage and printing.....	6 00
1895			
Jan. 1.....	15	J. W. Burst, Q. M. G., requisition for supplies.....	11 53
Feb. 1.....	16	J. W. Burst, per capita tax National Encampment.....	6 55
" 21.....	17	Standard Printing Co., headquarters printing.....	16 00
" 21.....	18	P. H. Manchester, 3d quarter salary A. A. G.....	25 00
" 23.....	22	P. H. Manchester, 4th quarter salary A. A. G.....	25 00
Mar. 2.....	23	W. A. Haven, 3rd and 4th quarter salary A. Q. M. G.....	50 00
" 2.....	24	W. A. Haven, postage and expense bill.....	17 21
" 11.....	25	C. S. Cole & Co., 150 Encampment badges.....	13 75
" 22.....	26	Standard Printing Co., printing general orders.....	1 75
" 27.....	27	P. H. Manchester, postage.....	5 00
" 29.....	28	W. A. Haven, sundry expenses.....	8 25
" 29.....	29	Standard Printing Co., on account of Journal.....	100 00
Total.....			\$500 55
Cash balance.....			22 76
Total.....			\$523 31

Received and referred to the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

BOZEMAN, MONT., April 9th, 1895.

PETER R. DOLMAN,

Commander G. A. R., Department of Montana:

I sincerely regret not being able to make a report that would throw some light on subject of the health and general morals of the Posts in the Department, but having no data from which to compile said report, I respectfully sign myself,

Yours in F. C. & L.

R. M. WHITEFOOT,
Medical Director.

Received and placed on file.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN.

BUTTE, MONT., April 9, 1895.

COMMANDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA G. A. R. AND COMRADES:

It is with profound gratitude to the Giver of All Good for that kind providence that affords me this opportunity of submitting another annual report, that I present the following for your consideration.

I am exceedingly glad of the privilege of meeting you once more in an Encampment, and to know that so comparatively few of our Comrades have passed away during the past year. I have written to the several Chaplains of the respective Posts throughout the Department, and take this opportunity of returning thanks for prompt responses. Chaplain J. R. Hilman, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, reported one member, Comrade Jefferis dead, and the death of two old soldiers at Helena since May 30th, 1894.

Our beloved Comrade, Captain Wheeler, of Helena, I believe has died since last Encampment, but prior to May 30th, 1894, the time specified in my correspondence with the chaplains to report from. I would respectfully suggest that a committee on memoirs be appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning deceased Comrades.

Chaplain A. P. Gregg, of J. C. Fremont Post No. 21, Hamilton, reports one death, that of Comrade W. O. Gray. Chaplain J. H. Eayres, of Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell, reports the death of Comrade Chas. Lee of that Post.

And here allow me to touch a tender chord in every heart of this Department, as I call attention to that dispensation of Divine Providence, which by its visitations to Comrades' homes has broken the glad circle and left sad and lonely widowers to mourn their irreparable loss.

He who has instructed us to "Rejoice with them who rejoice," also said: "Weep with them who weep." and, surely no Comrade of our

Grand Army of the Republic would not heartily enter into sympathy with these bereaved ones. Among the number I tenderly mention Commander P. R. Dolman, Past Commander J. O. Gregg, Comrade V. C. Whitney, Chaplain J. R. Hilman and Commander W. R. Rhodabank, of this city. May God, who alone is able, bless and sustain these sorrowing and bereaved ones.

In response to inquiries made in my correspondence after the work of the several Posts and their purposes in reference to observance of Memorial Day, many matters were mentioned which will appear in the report of the Inspector General and therefor it is not necessary that they appear in mine. But in regard to the services on next Memorial Day it is proper to say that universally all Posts throughout the Department are reported, so far as heard from, as intending to duly observe that sacred day.

Our ranks are gradually thinning as the years roll by swept by the musketry of time. No booming cannon or bugle calls to the realm of the destroyer, but the stealthy hand of oncoming age and infirmity is making out our final muster roll, while He who guarded us amid the shafts of death on the field of battle, and the arrows of disease and death in hospital, and has shielded us amid the innumerable perils of civil life will soon summon us to the Grand Encampment where, if true to ourselves, our country, our God, He will clothe us with victory as a garment, and from the bivouac of earth and all its perils and temptations, He will transfer us to palatial quarters amid the palm groves of the celestial fields of eternal glory hard by the "river of life"

"Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

In conclusion indulge me in using some quotations from that noble and immortal poet John Greenleaf Whittier. He said in reference to the cause for which we fought:

"In vain the bells of war shall ring
Of triumphs and revenges
While still is spared the evil thing that severs and estranges.
But blest the ear
That yet shall hear
The jubilant bell
That rings the knell
Of slavery forever "

And again as we consider our diversity of thought and opinion as regards our articles of religion he says:

"Call him not heretic whose works attest
His faith in goodness, by no creed confessed,
Whatever in love's name is truly done
To free the bound and lift the fallen one
Is done to Christ. Who so in deed and word
Is not against Him labors for our Lord.
When he, who, sad and weary, longing sore
For love's sweet service, sought the sister's door,
One saw the heavenly, one the human, guest
But who shall say which loved the Master best. "

Again he says.

"That they who differ pole-wide serve
Perchance the common Master,
And other sheep he hath than they
Who graze one narrow pasture."

And yet again hear and apply his exquisitely beautiful lines, Comrades, when he says:

“O brother man fold to thy heart thy brother:
Where pity dwells the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of him whose holy work was “doing good”
So shall the wide earth seem our Father’s temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude—worship.”

And lastly amid the cares and anxieties of our advanced years let us all grasp his faith as he says:

“I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.
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And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.
I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond his love and care.”

Finally hear the Grand Commander above saying: “Be then faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. JENKINS,

Department Chaplain.

Received and referred to a special committee of Comrades T. H. Kleinschmidt, George T. Chambers and Benjamin F. Osborn.

A committee consisting of G. W. Jenkins, Levi E. Holmes and George T. Chambers, was appointed to wait upon the Woman’s Relief Corps then in session. The committee returned, making a verbal report and afterwards submitted the following:

BUTTE, MONTANA, April 9th, 1895.

We, your committee assigned to the pleasant duty of carrying the greetings of the Department to the Woman’s Relief Corps, now convened in this city, would respectfully submit the following report:

At three P. M. this day we repaired to the Headquarters of the Woman’s Relief Corps at the I. O. G. T. Hall. We were afforded a cordial greeting. The President, Mrs. Frances E. Moore, gave us assurance that the Woman’s Relief Corps highly appreciated the recognition given by the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, and we assured them in behalf of the Department that their work was highly regarded in aid of our common cause, appreciating their worth as a factor of fraternity, charity and loyalty, never to be forgotten by the old soldiers, especially as evinced in the hospital and in the field during the war, when represented by the army nurse as well as in civil life in providing for the orphan and widow of the war and for cheering words and help for the veteran.

G. W. JENKINS,

L. E. HOLMES,

GEO. T. CHAMBERS.

The Committee on Printing made the following report:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND COMRADES:

We, your Committee on Printing the Journal of the Encampment proceedings for the years 1891-2-3 and 4, would say that bids were received from the different printing houses through the State and submitted to the Committee. The bid of \$1.13 per page from a Butte house was decided upon for two hundred copies. The same was printed and said Journal caused the outlay of \$25.00 more than the appropriation from the 10th Annual Encampment.

There has been paid on said bill \$100.00 and there still remains \$50.00 to be settled by this Encampment.

P. H. MANCHESTER,
F. GEO. HELDT,
ED. S. WALKER,
Committee.

It was voted that the action of the Committee be approved and that the comrades present be given an opportunity to contribute to the funds of the Department so that the Assistant Quartermaster General could be enabled to pay the balance due on the printing of the Journal. Thereupon the officer of the guard passed the hat and the sum of \$27.75 was contributed.

It was voted that this Encampment recommend that the Posts of this Department endeavor to secure photographs of the comrades to be kept in the Post rooms, and in case of the disbandment of the Post, the said photographs be turned over, with the other property of the Posts, to the Department Encampment.

At five o'clock P. M. the Encampment took a recess until 9:30 o'clock the next morning.

Second Day's Session.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.

BUTTE, MONTANA, April 10, 1895.

The Encampment was called to order at 9:30 A. M. The following report of the Council of Administration was read and adopted, and the recommendations therein made were approved.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Council of Administration having carefully examined and considered the reports and recommendations of the Assistant Quartermaster General and Assistant Adjutant General submitted at the 11th Annual Encampment of the Department, report as follows:

The accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General were found to be correct and to correspond with the vouchers submitted therewith, and with a single exception of a balance of \$50.00 yet unpaid on the contract for publication of the Journal of the 7, 8, 9 and 10th Encampments there remains no unpaid indebtedness.

It is recommended that the suggestion of the A. Q. M. G. in reference to the annual printing of the Journals of Encampments be adopted.

We find the supplies in possession of the A. Q. M. G. to be of the value of \$171.17. It is recommended that the balance remaining due from Steedman Post on the 31st day of December, 1894, amounting to \$12.00 be remitted.

We find the following Posts delinquent in reports and per capita tax, and recommend that the incoming Administration make every effort to bring them into good standing, viz: U. S. Grant No. 14, John A. Logan No. 15, G. K. Warren No. 20 and John C. Fremont No. 21.

The Council further reports that they have examined the very able and comprehensive report of the Assistant Adjutant General and recommend that said report be approved and published with the proceedings of the Encampment.

JOHN B. SCOTT,
Chairman.

F. GEORGE HELDT,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR.

P. R. DOLMAN,

Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report which is not at all satisfactory to myself, but I hope will be received by the Commander as the best I can do under existing circumstances. From the inspection of seven Posts, I find they have a membership of 279 in good standing.

Amount of money in hands of Quartermasters..... \$350 83

Other property owned by the Posts 1,007 15

The Posts seem to be in a good, healthy condition, the loss of membership being very light, and mostly from natural causes, and indeed, I am lead to believe from the best information at my command, that this will hold good throughout the Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

T. L. DAVIDSON,

Inspector.

Received and placed on file.

NOTE—The following report of the Inspector for the year 1894, was, by an oversight, omitted from the printed proceedings of the 10th Encampment.

COLUMBIA, FALLS, MONTANA, April 18th, 1894.

J. O. GREGG,

Department Commander:

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I have the honor to submit herewith my Annual Report for the year closing with the 10th Annual Department Encampment.

My report is in no way satisfactory to myself owing to its incompleteness which is no fault of my own. I have spared no time or postage in trying to secure reports from my Assistant Inspectors. Montana is a big State, and there being no appropriation to defray the expenses of Inspector, the duty of inspecting the various posts was assigned to Assistant Inspectors. Some of them, not seeing the importance of prompt and efficient action, have neglected their duty, which necessitates my sending incomplete reports.

On the whole. I think the Department of Montana should be proud of her record. It has been difficult to hold our own. The stringency of money matters under an Administration over which, seemingly, Providence has no control, has made it very hard to keep up the finances of the various posts. Yet we have some as loyal and patriotic men and officers as ever wore the blue. Our efficient commander has had his heart in the work and made a grand rally all along the line. A commander with less zeal and enthusiasm would have lost his "grip" on his Department under the adverse circumstances which confronted him, and over which he has achieved a signal victory for the Department.

Taking command of a Department in a demoralized condition and a depleted treasury, he has brought systematic order out of a chaos, and we find a general interest and love of our beloved order increasing as the

years come and go. Only two of the assistant inspector's report, "The prospect of the post, poor," and I am inclined to think they made their report when they were feeling a little blue.

Every encouragement is given the Woman's Relief Corps, a very valuable adjunct to the G. A. R.

The Sons of Veterans and Ladies Aid Society receive recognition of their worth and merit. We begin to realize that ere long the S. of V. and the Ladies Aid Society to the S. of V. will be the only organization left to perpetuate the memory of the "boys in blue." Our belief is beautifully expressed in the language of the poet when he said:

"But though the veteran vanish their children still remain,
The deeds of their fathers to cherish,
And the cause for which we battled our children will maintain,
And the foes of our banner shall perish.
For we battled not in vain if still that banner waves,
Through ages our Nation adorning,
And loyal hands shall plant it mid the flowers upon our graves.
'Till the great reveille in the morning.'"

The assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general are efficient officers. Their records and books are kept in a systematic and business-like method. With such efficient Department commanders as the present, the Department of Montana will come to the front and be heard from in the near future.

Yours in F. C. & L,

S. E. SNIDER,

Inspector, Department Montana.

Thomas C. Iliff, the commander of the Department of Utah, was introduced by Comrade Jenks and escorted to a seat on the platform.

On motion of the chaplain the following resolution was read and adopted:

BUTTE, MONT., April 10th, 1895.

Resolved, That in the sore bereavement of our eminent and esteemed Comrades, Department Commander P. R. Dolman and Past Department Commander J. O. Gregg, as a Department we most sincerely sympathize with them in that greatest of losses: the decease of their bosom companions, and that while we endeavor to appreciate the circumstance and would most cheerfully render every possible expression of consolation, yet we realize how meager our utmost efforts to adequately demonstrate our real sense of feeling and sorrow in the premises, and further, as we in common with the bereaved, with beseeching fortitude and reverent submission yield to the Divine will as the inevitable in life, draw consolation from the word of God, and while looking upward, blinded by tears, still will pray, "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief." That "Thou doest all things well." And in the book of thine eternal kingdom where earth's suffering and afflictions are past, we shall read in clearer lines as the light of eternity opens to our view, heavenly conceptions of the Divine will, the wisdom and goodness of God, and that we are ever resolved to cultivate the common bond of fraternal sympathy, also that we do most cordially and heartily concur in the action of the Council of Administration in omitting from the programme of this Encampment the

contemplated public reception, to have been given on Tuesday evening, April 9th, in respect to the memory of the dead and in sympathy for the bereaved.

The report of the committee on the Chaplain's report was read and adopted as follows:

April 10th, 1895.

We, your Committee appointed and to whom was referred the report of the Chaplain, beg to recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our proceedings, in commemoration of our departed Comrades R. C. Walker, W. F. Wheeler, W. O. Gray, Charles Lee and J. P. Jefferis, giving age, date of death, service in the army, i. e. name of company and regiment.

To commemorate the death of the beloved wives of the Department Commander P. R. Dolman, Past Department Commander J. O. Gregg and J. R. Hilman, Chaplain of Wadsworth Post No. 3.

We recommend a memorial page appropriately inscribed.

T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT,
GEO. T. CHAMBERS,
BENJAMIN F. OSBORN.

All members of the Encampment and visiting Comrades were requested to register their names, their army service and present address in the book prepared for that purpose.

A report this day received from G. K. Warren Post No. 20, was read by the Assistant Adjutant General: also a telegram from John C. Duff, Commander, that their twenty members sent greetings to the Encampment.

On motion, it was voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the payment of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General for the ensuing year, and that a like sum be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Quartermaster General for the ensuing year.

It was voted that the resolution passed at the 10th annual Encampment in relation to the candidacy of Past Department Commander J. O. Gregg, for Junior Vice Commander in Chief, be renewed.

The following Comrades were appointed a committee to prepare a form for the installation of Department officers, viz.: F. George Heldt, Ed. S. Walker and C. B. Miller, and on motion of T. M. Pierce the committee was instructed to submit their report to the Department Commander, and upon his approval, that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to have the same printed for the use of the Department at the next Encampment.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

_____ were appointed tellers. Comrade Robert E. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, was nominated for Commander, and seconded by the representatives of several posts. There being no other nominations, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment, whereupon the Junior Vice Commander, who temporarily occupied the chair, declared that the Encampment had by their vote, elected Robert E. Fisk Commander for the ensuing year.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrades O'Leary and Wisner, both of George G. Meade Post No. 16, were placed in nomination for Senior Vice Commander. The Encampment then proceeded to ballot, and upon report of the tellers, the Senior Vice Commander declared that Timothy O'Leary having received a majority of the votes cast, was duly elected.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade Benj. F. Osborn, of Wm. English Post No. 10, being the only Comrade placed in nomination, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for him, thereupon the Senior Vice Commander declared that Comrade Benj. F. Osborn was elected Junior Vice Commander.

The hour of noon having arrived, the Encampment took a recess until 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 1:30 P. M. A telegram from Department Commander P. R. Dolman, was read, expressing regrets at his absence; also extracts from a letter from him to the same effect.

The Encampment then continued the election of officers.

MEDICAL EXAMINER.

On motion of C. B. Miller, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, Comrade Levi E. Holmes, of Lincoln Post No. 2, was placed in nomination, and there being no other nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Holmes, whereupon the Senior Vice Commander declared Levi E. Holmes duly elected Medical Director.

CHAPLAIN.

On motion of Comrade O'Leary, Comrade Geo. W. Jenkins, of Lincoln Post, was placed in nomination, and the Assistant Adjutant General instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Jenkins, whereupon the Senior Vice Commander declared Geo. W. Jenkins duly elected Chaplain.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The following named Comrades were nominated as members of the Council of Administration, and there being no other nominations, the rules were suspended and they were elected by acclamation, viz.: Hiram L. Childs, of Frank Blair Post No. 6; H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post No. 3; Lyman Loring, of Nat Lyons Post No. 23; George T. Chambers, of Farragut Post No. 7; Robert M. Whitefoot, of Wm. English Post No. 10.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

F. Geo. Heldt, of Sheridan Post No. 18, and T. H. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, were nominated and unanimously elected representatives to the 29th National Encampment; and Orville F. Parmeter, of Custer Post No. 5, and H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, were unanimously elected as alternates.

The representatives from Wm. English Post No. 10, having extended a hearty invitation to the Comrades to hold their next Encampment at Bozeman, it was thereupon unanimously voted to accept the invitation and to hold the 12th Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana at Bozeman.

Comrade Iliff, Commander of the Department of Utah, then made an address.

It being announced that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting, they were admitted and submitted their report as follows:

MISSOULA, MONT., April 4th, 1895.

P. R. DOLMAN,

Commander Department of Montana,

Grand Army of the Republic:

I have the honor to submit to you a report of the relief work of the Woman's Relief Corps of this Department:

There has been expended during the year for the relief of needy veterans and their needy ones \$103 15
Relief given other than money 51 00

Total relief \$154 15
There remains in the General fund \$344 00
There remains in the Relief fund 145 00

The membership of this Department for the year ending March 31st, 1895, is 239 against 170 for the year ending March 31st, 1894. Gain of 69 during the year.

Turned over to Posts during the year \$60 00

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCES E. MOORE,

Department President.

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the Journal of this Encampment.

At three o'clock P. M. the Encampment took a recess for the parade, over a short route, and were escorted by the school cadets, composed of 200 boys, under command of Superintendent Hendricks, the music being the cadet drum corps; the Woman's Relief Corps following in carriages.

The Encampment reassembled at four o'clock P. M.

INSTALLATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

In the absence of the Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade James D. Jenks was appointed Installing Officer.

The elected officers as follows were then installed:

Commander,	-	-	ROBERT E. FISK.
Senior Vice Commander,	-	-	TIMOTHY O'LEARY.
Junior Vice Commander,	-	-	BENJ. F. OSBORN.
Medical Director,	-	-	LEVI E. HOLMES.
Chaplain,	-	-	GEO. W. JENKINS.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HIRAM L. CHILDS,
H. F. C. KLEINSCHMIDT,
LYMAN LORING,
GEO. T. CHAMBERS,
ROBERT M. WHITEFOOT.

The Commander announced the following Comrades as staff officers, who were then installed:

Assistant Adjutant General	-	-	ED. S. WALKER.
Assistant Quartermaster General.	-	-	WILLIAM A. HAVEN.
Judge Advocate,	-	-	THOMAS M. PIERCE.
Inspector,	-	-	HORATIO S. HOWELL.
Chief Mustering Officer,	-	-	JAMES D. JENKS.

The following resolutions were adopted tendering the thanks of the Encampment:

To Superintendent Wharton, of the Street Railway Company, for free rides to and from all parts of the city.

To Superintendent Hendricks and the school children for turning out to parade and escort the old soldiers who fought and so nobly protected "Old Glory" in time of trouble.

To his Honor, E. O. Dugan, mayor of Butte City, in allowing the Comrades of the G. A. R. and visiting members the freedom of the city, and especially for the free use of the Auditorium for the banquet given on the evening of the 10th inst. by Lincoln Post No. 2.

To the Silver Bow and Irish American Clubs for the opening of their doors and welcome to enjoy their beautiful apartments.

To Mrs. Knox for the beautiful bouquet given to each Comrade of the G. A. R.

And especially to Lincoln Post No. 2 for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members, visitors and Comrades throughout this Department, and for the banquet given us as we are ready to take leave for our homes.

We extend greetings to Lincoln Corps No. 6 for the token given to each one at the banquet in the shape of a handsome celluloid badge.

Voted that the thanks of the Encampment are hereby tendered to the retiring Department officers for their efficient services during the past year.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the several railroad companies of the State for the reduced rates of fare granted the Comrades attending the Encampment.

At five o'clock P. M. the Encampment adjourned.

On the evening of April 11th the members of the Encampment, visiting Comrades and the members of the Woman's Relief Corps were royally entertained by Lincoln Post No. 2 and the citizens of Butte by a banquet held at the Auditorium.

The mayor of the city not being able to be present to preside sent the following letter:

OFFICE OF E. O. DUGAN, MAYOR.

BUTTE, MONT., April 10th, 1895.

P. H. MANCHESTER, ESQ.,

Chairman G. A. R. Committee, City.

MY DEAR SIR:

I regret exceedingly my inability to be present and meet the members of the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps. Owing to an important Council meeting at which the result of the late election will be canvassed and other important business will come before us, it will be impossible for me to be with you. You will kindly return my thanks to the members of the G. A. R. of our city for their kind invitation and to say to the visiting members that although I am unable to be present in person they have my very best wishes. I am satisfied that the local members of the G. A. R. will take good care of the visitors and that nothing will be left undone to make their short visit pleasant and profitable to them. Give them my best wishes and say that the people of Butte are proud that they have selected our city as the place to hold their convention.

I wish also to extend my profound sympathy to the Woman's Relief Corps for the great loss they have sustained in the death of their beloved sister, Helen Carroll Dolman, one of the best ladies that Butte has ever seen, always looking after the interests of the sick and poor and what she did, she did not do for the purpose of notoriety. My connection with the late disastrous explosion placed me in a position to know and to learn of the good work she was doing, and I can assure you that many homes were made happy by the presence of your beloved sister. Again thanking you for the honor you have done me, and regretting I cannot be with you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

E. O. DUGAN,
Mayor.

JOHN S. SHAUB.

THOMAS L. KANE POST No. 12.

Private Company E., 191st Ohio.

Died at Glendive May 6th, 1894.

ROBERT C. WALKER,

WADSWORTH POST No. 3.

Major and Paymaster U. S. Army.

Died at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 5, 1894.

WILLIAM F. WHEELER,

WADSWORTH POST No. 3.

Captain Company F., 4th Minnesota Infantry,

Died at Helena June 25th, 1894.

JOHN T. JEFFERIS.

WADSWORTH POST No. 3.

Quartermaster U. S. Navy.

Died at Helena, October 25th, 1894.

CHARLES LEE,
NAT LYONS POST No. 23,
KALISPELL.

DAVID P. RICHARDSON,
FARRAGUT POST No. 7,
LIVINGSTON.

HELEN C. DOLMAN,
Wife of Past Department Commander P. R. Dolman,
Died at Butte, March 27, 1895.

EMMA F. GREGG,
Wife of Past Department Commander Joseph O. Gregg,
Died at Great Falls, Montana, February 3, 1895.

General Orders.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
 BUTTE, March 26, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 8. }

As announced in previous General Order No. 7, the Eleventh Annual Encampment of this Department will be held April 9th and 10th, 1895, in Butte City.

The Encampment will convene in Fidelity Hall on west Broadway at 10 o'clock A. M. April 9th.

The Department Commander having applied to the railroads of the state for reduced rates, has secured the rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip of fifty or more in attendance. All persons desiring to go to Butte to attend the G. A. R. Encampment and W. R. C. Convention must purchase one first-class ticket going, taking a receipt from the agent, and on returning, said receipt must be signed by the Ass't Adjt. General, P. H. Manchester, and on presentation of said receipt (properly signed) to the ticket agent in Butte, will entitle them to purchase a ticket for one-fifth fare returning within two days after the adjournment of the Encampment.

The Headquarters has been established at the McDermott Hotel.

The Council of Administration is requested to meet at 8 P. M. on April 8th at Headquarters.

Every Delegate and Alternate should be careful to have their credentials properly made out and signed before leaving for the Encampment. All necessary arrangements are being made by Lincoln Post No. 2, for the Encampment.

By command of

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
 BUTTE, March 28, 1895. }

SUPPLEMENT TO }
 GENERAL ORDERS, }
 No. 8. }

As we were about to go to press with General Orders No. 8, the Assistant Adjutant General, with a deep sense of sorrow, announces the death of Mrs. Helen C. Dolman, wife of General Peter R. Dolman, Department Commander, whose death occurred March 27th, 1895, at 5:15 in the afternoon, Mrs. Dolman being at the time chief of staff of the Department of Montana W. R. C.

The Ass't Adj't. General has telegraphed the J. V. Dept. Comd., F. Geo. Heldt, (as the S. V. D. C., R. E. Fisk is absent from the state) of Great Falls, to take charge of the Department, as Gen'l Dolman will remove the remains of his wife to their old home in Missouri.

If necessary before the encampment meets for the issuance of further orders, they will be issued by J. V. Dept. Com'd F. Geo. Heldt, until the return of Comrade R. E. Fisk, S. V. Dept. Com'd.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, March 6, 1895. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 7. }

I. The Eleventh Annual Encampment of this Department will be held in the G. A. R. Hall, Butte, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9th and 10th, 1895.

II. Hotel proprietors have signified their willingness to grant a reduced rate to all Members of the Encampment and Comrades attending the Encampment, also the Woman's Relief Corps and their friends attending their Convention.

III. The Railroads of this Department have been applied to for excursion rates. As soon as the arrangements are perfected it will be announced in a future Order.

IV. Post Adjutants are requested to ascertain as soon as practicable the probable number of Comrades, members of the W. R. C., and visiting friends at the Encampment, and report same to P. H. Manchester A. A. G.

By command of

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, November 23d, 1894 }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

I. The 28th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was one of the most pleasant held in the history of the organization. The citizens of Pittsburg and Alleghany kept open house during our stay with them—those of us who had the pleasure of meeting our old comrades under such auspicious surroundings—were repaid many times for taking such a long journey. We extend our thanks for such elegant entertainment, loyalty to our country is appreciated.

II. Post Commanders are reminded that the time for the Annual Inspections of Posts is at hand. The 27th National Encampment amended the rules and regulations regarding inspections, requiring now

that an annual inspection of Posts be made between September 1st and December 20th of each year. In obedience to this requirement an inspection of Posts will be commenced at once.

III. Post Commanders will detail a suitable comrade to inspect their respective Posts, who will act as assistant inspectors, and make their reports to Comrade C. C. Davidson, Department Inspector, Anaconda, Montana. Blank form H has been forwarded to each Post, which should be forwarded immediately after inspection.

IV. Blank forms A and B have been sent to each Post for the Adjutants and Quartermasters' reports, for the six months ending December 31st, 1894.

V. It is hoped that the Commander of each Post in this department will see that these reports are made out on the night of the last stated meeting in December, for their Post and properly signed and forwarded promptly.

VI. The semi-annual reports of the Post Quartermasters must be sent by the Post Commanders direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General at Helena. All other reports must be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at South Butte.

By Command of
P. R. DOLMAN,
Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, November 10th, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS, {
No. 5 }

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the Tenth Session of the Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., Department of Montana, held at the City of Helena, May 16th and 17th, 1894, it becomes the duty of the Department Commander to call the attention of the various Posts in this state to the following law relating to the unlawfully wearing the badge of the order:

Sec. 5 of Art. IX., Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R., provides:

"No person shall be entitled to wear the badge or button of the G. A. R., unless he is a member in GOOD STANDING of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Sec. 119, Fourth Division—Criminal Laws—Compiled Statutes of Montana, provides:

"Any person who shall willfully wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, Knights of Labor, or any other society, or who shall use or wear the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby within this Territory (State), unless he be entitled to use or wear the same under the rules and regulations of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, or rules and regulations of any other society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment of a term not to exceed thirty days in the county jail, or by a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment."

Commanders, Officers, and members of Posts will see that the foregoing rules and regulations and laws are strictly enforced, and that all persons violating the same are properly dealt with.

By command of

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, MONT., July 15, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS. }
No. 4. }

The following Comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

I.

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

J. H. JACKSEN - - - - - Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

JOHN MOFFIT	-	-	-	-	Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena
HUGH S. DONNELLEY	-	-	-	-	Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena
LEW COLEMAN	-	-	-	-	George H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge
THOMAS FOSTER	-	-	-	-	Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan
J. H. DAVIS	-	-	-	-	Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City
GEORGE METCALF	-	-	-	-	Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston
FRED HOPP	-	-	-	-	Steedman Post No. 8, Dillon
HENRY HELLINGER	-	-	-	-	Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman
JOHN B. CATLIN	-	-	-	-	Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula
CHARLES N. SMITH	-	-	-	-	Thomas L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive
A. A. MARSH	-	-	-	-	J. B. McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder
C. E. CASE	-	-	-	-	U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City
A. P. HART	-	-	-	-	J. A. Logan Post No. 15, Billings
EBER GOLDER	-	-	-	-	Geo. G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda
E. M. MITCHELL	-	-	-	-	Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls
JOHN MCCORT	-	-	-	-	Jas. A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewistown
J. J. DONNELLEY	-	-	-	-	G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton
JOHN N. ARMSTRONG	-	-	-	-	John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Hamilton
W. T. ALLISON	-	-	-	-	Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg
D. J. PLUME	-	-	-	-	Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell

II.

The Department Commander desires to thank Post officers of this Department for their effort to get their reports and communications to headquarters on time. Vigilance will keep us in the advance as a live Department and it is to be hoped in the future our mails will be on time.

III.

The Department Commander announces with sorrow the death of Comrade John S. Shaub, Post Commander of Thos. L. Kane Post No. 12, G. A. R., Glendive, Montana. Comrade Shaub was a private of Company "E" 191st Ohio, during the late civil war, enlisting February 21st, 1865, and was discharged August 27th, 1865, as a private. Was born in Licking County, Ohio, in 1847. His patriotic heart swelled with true loyalty as it will be seen by the record, that as a boy he shouldered a musket and marched to the front as soon as he was old enough to be received in the army. Comrade Shaub was mustered into Thomas L. Kane Post April 7th, 1887, was elected J. V. C., Dec. 1st, 1887, S. V. C., Dec. 19, 1889, and Post Commander, Dec. 4th, 1890, holding the office of Post Commander continuously until he was called to join that noble host of the Grand Army of the Republic who have crossed the great river, from whence none return.

IV.

The time for holding the National Encampment is rapidly approaching and all Comrades who can lay aside their home duties for a few days, should embrace this opportunity to attend.

By command of

P. R. DOLMAN,
Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, MONT., June 12. 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

I. Blank forms "A and B" have been sent to each Post for the Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports, for the six months ending June 30th, 1894.

Adjutants and Quartermasters are cautioned not to change any figures they may find in red ink on blanks sent them from headquarters.

II. It is hoped that the Commander of each Post in this Department will see that these reports are made out on the night of the last stated meeting in June, for their Post and properly signed and forwarded promptly.

III. The semi-annual reports of the Post Quartermasters must be sent by the Post Commanders directed to the Assistant Quartermaster General at Helena. All other reports must be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at Butte.

The reports from this Department must be at the National Headquarters by July 20th, and it all depends upon the Post officers in send-

ing in their reports promptly, for prompt action on their part will enable the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General to have their reports ready to forward by July 1st.

By Command of

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R. }
BUTTE, MONT., May 22, 1894. }

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 2. }

Memorial Day with its time honored observance is now at hand. Regulations are so explicit upon this subject, that no formal orders urging this sacred duty upon the Posts should be necessary.

The Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., 1893, adopted the following resolutions, as expressive of the sense of the Encampment upon the proper observance of Memorial Day:

“RESOLVED, That Memorial Day was originated by the Grand Army of the Republic, not for the purpose of celebrating the glories of peace, but solely to commemorate the patriotism and glorious deeds of those who gave their lives as the price of a united country.

“Remembering the privations, the marches, the battles, the hospitals and the prison pens which go to make up those dreadful years which cost our Comrades their lives, we cannot agree that Memorial Day is properly a day of rejoicing, or that it should be entirely given over to frivolous enjoyments.

“Believing this, we ask all citizens to unite with us in keeping the observances of Memorial Day within the limits originally intended, to the end that the heroic deeds and glorious deaths of our Comrades may not seem to be belittled,—and to the further end that patriotism and love of country shall be both recognized and encouraged.

“For the twenty-sixth time since the 30th of May was designated for this purpose by Comrade Logan, then Commader-in-Chief, it is our privilege to render special homage to the memory of our Comrades who answer to roll-call on earth no more, to pledge ourselves anew in united and solemn chorus to the great principles for which they died, and for the perpetuation of which this Mighty Order is now maintained. Let no grave be unvisited, no Comrade forgotten, and as our children and children’s children shall ask, “What mean ye by this service?” let us point them to the sacrifices of our Comrades whom death has mustered out forever, and whose devotion to duty made possible this golden era of our Nation, which to-day under one flag is marching on to its glorious destiny; a future assured to this and the coming generations by the conflicts and victories of the period which this day recalls and signalizes. Standing by these sacred mounds let us urge that never, while the flowers shall wake to life; while the released waters shall course from the mountains to the sea; while the emancipated earth shall with each returning spring wave its banners of green; shall these memorial services be unperformed

or the achievements they celebrate be forgotten. Let the day be in no manner diverted from its true purpose, but let it be made to teach to the fullest extent its great lesson of Patriotism."

It is requested that all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliaries, all Civic and Military Societies, Public Officials, Citizens and School Children participate in the solemn services of this day.

By Command of

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.)
BUTTE, MONTANA, May 21, 1894. (

GENERAL ORDERS,)
No. 1. {

Having been elected Department Commander for the ensuing year, I assume the duties of the office and ask all Comrades to assist me in the general welfare and promotion of the Department. Fully realizing that without your help individually and collectively, success is impossible, with your aid I feel assured we will have a prosperous Department.

The Headquarters of the Department will be located in Butte.

Official business should be addressed to P. H. Manchester, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Montana, G. A. R., Butte, Montana.

By order of the Department Encampment, the Assistant Quartermaster General's office will remain in Helena. All official business for that officer should be addressed to W. A. Haven, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena, Montana.

P. R. DOLMAN,

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

FOR 1895

COMMANDER,	-	-	-	-	ROBERT E. FISK
					HELENA.
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER,	-	-			TIMOTHY O'LEARY
					ANACONDA.
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER,	-				BENJAMIN F. OSBORN
					BOZEMAN.
MEDICAL DIRECTOR,	-	-	-		LEVI E. HOLMES
					BUTTE.
CHAPLAIN,	-	-	-	-	GEORGE W. JENKINS
					BUTTE.

STAFF OFFICERS

Assistant Adjutant General, ED. S. WALKER, Helena.
Assistant Quartermaster General, WILLIAM A. HAVEN, Helena.
Judge Advocate, THOMAS M. PIERCE, Bozeman.
Inspector, HORATIO S. HOWELL, Helena.
Chief Mustering Officer, JAMES D. JENKS, Butte.

Council of Administration,

HIRAM L. CHILDS, of Frank Blair Post.
H. F. C. KLEINSCHMIDT, of Wadsworth Post.
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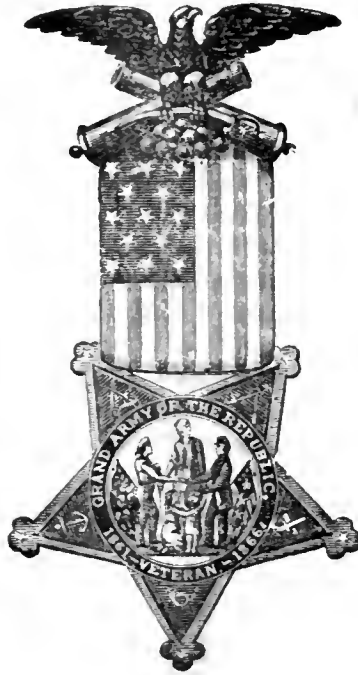
Representatives to National Encampment.

F. GEORGE HELDT, Great Falls.
THEO. H. KLEINSCHMIDT, Helena.
Alternates.
ORVILLE F. PARMETER, Sheridan.
H. F. C. KLEINSCHMIDT, Helena.

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Grand Army of the Republic.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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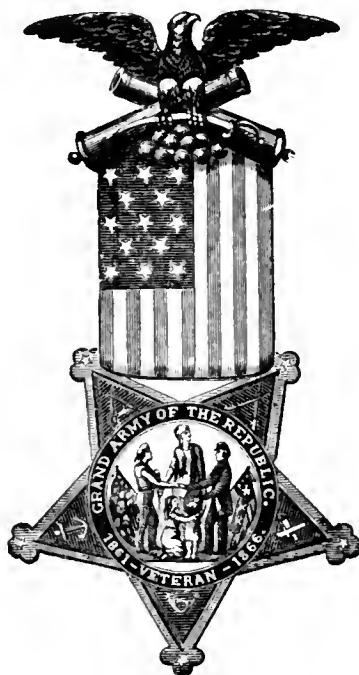
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DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Bozeman, Mont., April 10, 1896.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 8, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at the hall of the I. O. O. F. at 10 o'clock a. m., April 9, 1896.

Encampment opened in due form with prayer by Chaplain Jenkins at 10 o'clock a. m.

General Orders convening the Encampment were read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

The Department Commander appointed Committees on Credentials and Order of Business as follows:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Ed F. Ferris, Wm. English Post, No. 10.

J. S. Wisner, George G. Meade Post, No. 16.

W. F. Safford, Sheridan Post, No. 18.

Ed S. Walker, Wadsworth Post, No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

J. G. Sanders, Wadsworth Post, No. 3.

P. R. Dolman, Lincoln Post, No. 2.

N. Ebert, Farragut Post, No. 7.

Department Officers, Past Department Commanders and Staff Officers were invited to attend a lunch at the residence of Comrade L. S. Willson.

The Encampment was notified that the Street Railway Company extended the privileges of their Company to all comrades in attendance at the Encampment.

Recess was taken until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order at 2 p. m. by Commander Fisk.

The report of the Committee on the Order of Business was then read, as follows:

Your Committee on Order of Business for the Twelfth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully report and recommend the following to be the Order of Business for the Encampment:

1. Opening of Department Encampment in due form.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
5. Calling Roll of Members.
6. Report of Officers, beginning with that of the Department Commander.
7. Appointment of proper number of committees of three each, to whom shall be referred the reports of Officers.
8. Reception and reference of Communications from Posts, to be called according to seniority.
9. Reception and reference of Communications from Individuals.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. New Business.
13. Good of the Order.
14. Election and Installation of Officers.
15. Closing Exercises.

This order of business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Encampment; the vote to be taken on motion for such purpose without debate.

For the purpose of expediting the business of future Encampments, it is recommended that a Committee on Credentials, consisting of three members (of which the Assistant Adjutant General shall be chairman) be appointed by the Department Commander in advance of the time of the meeting of the Encampment, to the end

that such committee may be ready to present its report of membership when that particular order of business is reached as recommended.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS.
PETER R. DOLMAN.
NAPOLEON EBERT.

Roll of officers was then called.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then read and adopted, as follows:

Commander—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the credentials presented and find that the following named comrades are entitled to vote at this Encampment. We also recommend that delegates from Posts other than the Post at the place where the Department Encampment is held shall be entitled to cast the votes of absent delegates as a majority of them shall determine.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas P. Fuller.
Charles S. Warren.
Ela C. Waters.
Junius G. Sanders.*
James E. Calloway.
Ed F. Ferris.*
Harry C. Kessler.*
John L. Sloan.
J. O. Gregg.*
Peter R. Dolman.*

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander Robert E. Fisk*
Senior Vice Commander T. O'Leary*
Junior Vice-Commander B. F. Osborn*
Chaplain George W. Jenkins*
Medical Director Levi E. Holmes
Assistant Adjutant General Ed S. Walker*
Quartermaster General W. A. Haven*
Judge Advocate Thomas M. Pierce*
Inspector H. S. Howell
Chief Mustering Officer J. D. Jenks*

TWELFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

H. L. Childs.
 H. F. C. Kleinschmidt.
 Lyman Loring.*
 George T. Chambers.
 Robert M. Whitefoot.*

LINCOLN POST, NO. 2.

Past Commanders.

PETER R. DOLMAN.*
 JAMES D. JENKS.*
 CHARLES S. WARREN.
 HARRY C. KESSLER.*
 C. S. SHOEMAKER.
 Commander, B. N. BEEBE.*
 Representatives—
 P. H. MANCHESTER.
 S. H. ALMON.*

W. P. RODEBANK.*
 LEVI E. HOLMES.
 JOHN RAILEY.*
 J. H. JACKSON.
 JAMES E. DOWD.
 JOHN B. SCOTT.
 Alternates—
 J. B. GLOVER.*
 J. H. SHAW.

WADSWORTH POST, NO. 3.

Past Commanders.

THOMAS P. FULLER.
 ROBERT C. WALLACE.
 JUNIUS G. SANDERS.*
 GEORGE W. SHAW.*
 H. F. C. KLEINSCHMIDT.
 T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT.

ROBERT E. FISK.*
 ED S. WALKER.*
 F. P. STERLING.
 R. A. CRAIG.
 CHARLES F. GAGE.*
 A. P. WEBSTER.

JAMES H. MILLS, Past Post Commander Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 4.
 SAMUEL K. FISHEL, Past Post Commander John Buford Post, No. 1.
 A. S. KELLOGG, Past Post Commander J. B. McPherson Post, No. 18.
 L. WHITNEY, Past Post Commander, John A. Logan Post, No. 15.*
 Commander, S. A. SWIGGETTE.*

Representatives—
 J. B. LOOMIS.*
 J. R. HILMAN.*
 C. B. MILLER.
 WM. POTTER.
 RICHARD HOBACK.

Alternates—
 JAS. M. PAGE.
 A. C. VOTAW.
 H. T. BEVAN.*
 D. L. MILES.*
 GARRISON REDD.*

CUSTER POST, NO. 5.

Past Commanders.

E. L. DICKINSON.
 O. F. PARMETER.
 Commander, T. A. FOSTER.

GEORGE W. RIGHTENOUR.
 ELIAS P. DAY.

Representatives—
 G. W. RIGHTENOUR.
 H. HARDESTY.

Alternates—
 None reported.

FRANK BLAIR POST, NO. 6.

Past Commanders.

JAMES E. CALLOWAY.
 HENRY N. BLAKE.
 STEPHEN GAINAN.
 EUGENE STARK.
 JOHN B. CARRUTHERS.
 Commander, H. L. CHILDS.

Representatives—
 JOHN M. KING.
 WM. COVERLY.

THOMAS P. COX.
 JOHN H. DAVIS.
 JAMES B. HOW.
 SAMUEL PAGE.
 A. E. GLOYD.*

Alternates—
 H. S. HOWELL.
 A. E. GLOYD.*

FARRAGUT POST, NO. 7.

Past Commanders.

F. W. WRIGHT.
 PIERCE HOOPES.
 JOHN SKILLEN.
 GEO. T. CHAMBERS.
 Commander, N. EBERT.*

Representatives—
 POTTER H. FISHER.
 SOL R. SHRAKE.

H. J. HOPPE.
 THOMAS J. MAINS.*
 A. B. HICKS.
 WM. H. YEATON.*

Alternates—
 J. F. LAWRENCE.*
 JOHN DODGE.*

STEADMAN POST, NO. 8.

Past Commanders.

THOMAS LOUGHBRIDGE.
 BENJAMIN BOND.
 Commander, FREDERICK HOPPE.*

Representatives—
 BENJAMIN BOND.
 ROBERT McDOWELL.

OTHO KLEMM.
 JOSEPHUS RICH.*

Alternates—
 T. M. O'CONNOR.
 L. HOFFMAN.

WM. ENGLISH POST, NO. 10.

Past Commanders.

BENJAMIN F. OSBORN.*
 WM. Y. SMITH.*
 L. S. WILLSON.*
 J. A. McELROY.
 CHARLES E. LANCASTER.
 Commander, A. J. EDSALL.*

Representatives—
 W. S. MATHEWS.*
 LUTHER FOSTER.*

J. H. NIXON.*
 JOSEPH M. LINDLEY.*
 T. M. PIERCE.*
 ED F. FERRIS.*
 CHARLES H. SPRAGUE.*

Alternates—
 W. F. SANDERS.
 HENRY HELLINGER.

TWELFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

FRED WINTHROP POST, NO. 11.

Past Commanders.

JOHN L. SLOAN.
C. W. LOMBARD.
ANDREW MOORE.
Commander, WM. LANDERS.

Representatives—
W. H. RAYNOR.
L. W. GRANTIER.

W. H. H. DICKINSON.*
W. E. BANCROFT.
SAMUEL BELLEW.

Alternates—
G. A. PEASE.
THOMAS RYAN.

THOMAS L. KANE POST, NO. 12.

Past Commanders.

M. P. WYMAN.
CHARLES N. SMITH.
Commander, JAMES S. ALMY.

Representatives—
CHARLES N. SMITH.
JAMES McCORMICK.

JOHN BAMBER.
JAMES McCORMICK.

Alternates—
J. W. ALLEN.
JOHN BAMBER.

GEORGE G. MEADE POST, NO. 16.

Past Commanders.

A. B. GATES.
T. C. DAVIDSON.*
JOHN S. WISNER.*
Commander, ROGER EDWARDS.*

Representatives—
JOHN HALLAHAN.
W. S. WHITELEY.

JOHN BARRY.
N. H. MORLEY.*
EBER GOLDER.*
AUGUSTUS SHORT.*
Alternates—
DENNIS HEFFRON.
BENJAMIN SWEENEY.

SHERIDAN POST, NO. 18.

Past Commanders.

F. GEORGE HELDT.*
FRANK COOMBS.
Commander, W. H. SAFFORD.*
Representatives—
W. C. McBRATNEY.
D. W. BEECHER.

J. O. GREGG.*
P. H. HUGHS.*
JOHN A. CLARKE.
Alternates—
JAMES GIBSON.*
W. E. MAIER.

JAMES A. SHIELDS POST, NO. 19.

Past Commanders.

SAMUEL S. HARPER.
THOMAS J. FROST.
JAMES READ.
Commander, THOMAS J. GREGORY.

Representatives—
None reported.

RICHARD W. NOBLE.
JOHN McCOURT.
B. H. BOWMAN.

Alternates—
None reported.

G. K. WARREN POST, NO. 20.

Past Commanders.

J. J. DONNELLY.

Representatives—

DANIEL DUTRO.

W. O. DEXTER.

Commander, JOHN C. DUFF.

Alternates—

HENRY BROWN.

TERRANCE REILLEY.

JOHN C. FREMONT POST, NO. 21.

Past Commanders.

W. B. HARLAND.

Commander, FREDERICK HOFFMAN.

Representatives—

H. S. PAGE.

GEORGE W. WARD.

Alternates—

NAAMAN JOHNSON.

O. P. GREGG.

BURNSIDE POST, NO. 22.

Past Commanders.

JAMES K. PARDEE.

Commander, P. J. NEFF.*

Representative—

LEE C. DAGENHART.*

MORRIS SHARPE.

WM. T. ALLISON.

Alternates—

None reported.

NAT LYONS POST, NO. 23.

Past Commanders.

D. J. PLUME.

R. A. ROLLINS.

Commander, W. J. SPARKS.

Representatives—

A. W. SCHONFELDT.

W. J. PLUME.

R. C. PALMER.

LYMAN LORING.*

Alternates—

W. P. EMMERSON.

A. KETCHUM.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN POST, NO. 24.

Commander, H. H. GARR.

Respectfully submitted,

ED F. FERRIS,
J. S. WISNER,
W. H. SAFFORD,
ED S. WALKER,

Committee.

Note.—Those marked with a star (*) were present.

Comrade H. T. Bevan was appointed assistant to the Assistant Adjutant General.

The address of the Department Commander was read and received and referred to the following committee:

T. O'Leary Post No. 16
Lyman Loring Post No. 23
Ed F. Ferris Post No. 10

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Not all that moves the heart can be expressed in words on an occasion like this. No language, indeed, can adequately speak the depth of feeling of comrade for comrade, when met together as now. More than eloquence of tongue, the warm grasp of hands tells the abiding strength that binds together as one the membership of our exalted order.

Coming from your widely separated homes, you are gathered once more in gratifying numbers in Annual Encampment. You are cordially welcomed to one of the beautiful cities peace has reared beneath the uplifting mountains of magnificent Montana, and one and all of us are glad that this twelfth reunion of the comrades of the Department has brought us here.

For a term that draws near to its close, an accounting is due of the stewardship of the Department during the past year. The period of service has had its pleasures, not less than its trials and responsibilities. A great satisfaction has been that opportunity presented enabling the Commander to visit numbers of the Posts of the Department, and that journeys entered upon, of hundreds of miles, have resulted in meeting, socially and officially, many of the comrades in distant and isolated sections of the State.

The year has been signalized by an industrial and financial prostration without precedent beyond the immediate years that have preceded it. Calamities before unknown in our history have been visited upon our people, and none have suffered more seriously than the soldier citizens of the State. Nevertheless, it is gratifying to be able to report that the department has been less distressed than anticipated, and that the order to which we are so lovingly and enduringly attached has maintained, with comparatively little loss, the integrity of its organization.

Of acknowledged advantage to the Commander has been the aid and assistance rendered by an executive staff that has proved its efficiency at all times when the service of active and faithful officers were most required. Their reports to be submitted to the Encampment are complete in detail, and will present facts and figures in the administration of the Department that makes their recapitulation unnecessary. The Assistant Adjutant General will fully inform you of the present strength of the Department and of all matters under the province of his office. The Assistant Quartermaster General will show the financial conditions wrestled with during the year, and the economies so closely studied that whatever debt had to be dealt with has been surmounted, and that a surplus remains in the treasury to be turned over to his successor. Several suggestions of these officers are of moment to the order, and the Commander trusts that they will have that consideration of the Encampment they seem to deserve.

The reports of other officers of the Staff, including those of the Judge Advocate, Inspector and Mustering Officers, have been prepared, and will be submitted to the Encampment in their order.

The Twenty-ninth National Encampment, convened at Louisville in September last, was attended by the Commander, Senior Vice, Assitant Adjutant General, and other comrades of the Department, including Past Commander Gregg. It was the first time since the foundation of the order that the Grand Army assembled south of the Ohio.

In a circular issued after his return, the Commander recounted the incidents in part, of the great event that summoned a hundred thousand northern comrades to that hospitable southern city. The experience of the great host of veterans was, that in the interval of thirty years sectional divisions had virtually disappeared; that the wide chasm of civil strife yawned no more; that peace and brotherly affection was restored in all the land. Arm in arm the blue and the butternut marched down upon the old battle-grounds, and together tramped over the historic fields of strife. Occurrences, reminiscences, tragedies they may have been, that half a lifetime had dimmed, and scenes of contention that the passing cycles had made indistinct, were revived by those who half remembered and those who have half forgotten. In the grand parade, no Montana comrade at Louisville was absent from the ranks, and there were cheers for the banner of the Department, and the men who followed it from end to end of the line of march. In all manner of ways, it should be said, those who were your representatives shared in the hospitality dispensed by the people of Kentucky's metropolis, and they were happy they were there. Another year, comrades, the Encampment will be nearer our homes, and may many of us meet and jubilate in the Capital City of Minnesota.

The State Soldiers' Home is an institution in which the Grand Army is much interested. Your Commander, as an ex-officio member of the Board of Management, can report that some progress has been made towards its establishment. The initial appropriations provided by the Legislature were \$10,000 for purposes of construction, and \$5,000 and \$8,000 respectively for maintenance for the years 1895-96. Complying with a provision of the law, the Board in July last traversed the State, carefully inspecting the numerous sites tendered as locations for the home. The site selected is near Columbia Falls, in Flathead County, on the line of the Great Northern Railway—in the judgment of the Board a more attractive spot and nearer the ideal of a place for such an institution than any other offered in Montana. Unavoidable delays have occurred in making a show of progress with the Home. There was no portion of the money in the treasury last year available, preceding appropriations having absorbed the total of public revenues. The promise is, however, that the present year will see a Home materialize and placed in practical operation. Encouraged by the State authorities, the

Board has accepted plans for the main building, and a contract is about to be entered into for the construction work. For this purpose \$10,000 will be at the disposal of the managers, together with a contributed sum that will go a considerable way towards furnishing the Home. For maintenance, a portion, at least, of the amounts appropriated will be available; all that will be required, it is thought, no part of the total of \$13,000 provided being convertible into the treasury. It is believed that future legislative bodies will provide generously for all needs and requirements of the veterans of the State whose disabilities or misfortunes may induce them to become family members of the State Soldiers' Home at Columbia Falls.

The Commander approves and commends to the consideration and action of the Encampment the matter of "picket posts." The experiment has been tried and proved successful in one instance at least in this Department. The organizing of small bodies of eligible recruits into "pickets," subordinate to established posts, is sanctioned by the experience of a number of Departments. The plan operates beneficially wherever it has been tried. In this far-reaching Department many worthy soldiers are isolated from the regularly organized Posts, and as much as they desire to do so they are precluded from becoming members of the Grand Army. In all such cases the remedy seems to be the encouragement of planting "pickets," or auxiliary Posts. The method of procedure has been outlined by one of the able and zealous Past Commanders, J. O. Gregg, who is here present, and will fully enlighten the Encampment with respect to this important matter before the sessions are brought to a close.

Our ever honored auxiliary help-mate, the Woman's Relief Corps, is here assembled in convention on concurrent date. To this patriotic organization and its beneficent mission of charity the Grand Army of the Republic owes much for the aid and assistance continually lent the order in the relief of distressed comrades and their families, and in instances without number helping to keep the weaker Posts from falling by the wayside. The comrades will not fail at this time, as they have not failed heretofore, to extend to the Corps now assembled in Department Convention all the courtesy and attention to the members, individually and together, so richly merit at the hands of the old soldier.

There is evidence throughout the Department of undiminished interest in Memorial day. The Grand Army has made the observance of this day one of national significance, and participating in its patriotic and beautiful exercises every year are larger numbers of our citizens in every part of the State. The Woman's Relief Corps is largely instrumental in making the observance of the day what it should be, and its members have rendered themselves indispensable to the comrades in programmes of celebration that would be far from complete without them.

Closely associated with Memorial Day is Flag Day. The patriotism exemplified by the fathers should everywhere be taught to the children. The common schools of Montana are in line, and over hundreds of school houses in Montana waves the emblem of our country, the one flag, the ever glorious stars and stripes. The Grand Army, in encampments, national and department, approves the military training of the youth of the land, and here again the schools of the State are abreast of the schools of other States in instruction to thousands of pupils. A military aid to the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty is in this particular direction, is now serving in this Department for the first time since its organization.

The Department badge is a matter that has had the attention of the Commander and his Executive Staff of late. A preceding encampment adopted a design which promises soon to mature in a souvenir insignia that the comrades are agreed the Department should early possess. Correspondence has been had and negotiations entered into by which the regulation badge, as adopted, can shortly be supplied in quantity and to answer all demands.

Comrades, the present administration of the Department will soon pass to other, and it is hoped, abler and stronger hands.

Without the asking, without the solicitation of a vote, the encampment of a year ago, by unanimous voice conferred upon me the highest honor within its gift to bestow. It is an honor any comrade may well covet, may well aspire to, but the instance is one when the honor was unsought. Your kind, indulgent discrimination, it is here proper to confess, is all the more appreciated because your act was uninfluenced by any signified wish or will of mine. The hope is cherished that no disappointment, no after regret, has come to any comrade who meant to compliment me with the high preferment of the Commandership.

The report is finished when it is said that the effort has been to serve the comrades and the interest of the order faithfully from the beginning to the close of the official year. It is with no small degree of pleasure and possibly pride that the announcement is made to you that of all the Departments, Montana stands first and foremost for promptitude with its reports and remittances at National Headquarters. That honorable position is proclaimed by the Adjutant General as attained by the Department of Montana in two separate acknowledgements, covering both the first and second semi-annual reports. To the Executive Staff of the Commander, to the officers of the several Posts of the Department, to individual comrades in the ranks in a number of cases, is due in large measure the credit of the splendid achievement of the past year. Without the active, loyal, enthusiastic assistance lent by these agencies, the Grand Army of this Department could not have accomplished the work it undertook during the term now about to end.

Thanks to you, comrades, for the high honor you conferred upon

me; thanks for the high honor your fealty and co-operation have helped to earn for this Department. The Grand Army has no members more true, more devoted to the great principles it represents—Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty.

Comrades, Hail to you, and farewell!

R. E. FISK,
Commander.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

The Senior Vice Commander made a very interesting verbal report, but unfortunately failed to give the committee a copy of the same for publication.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Headquarters, Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Bozeman, Montana, April 9, 1896.

Commander—Owing to the neglect of my superior officers to either die or resign, I have not been required to assume any of the responsibilities of the Department; my position has been a sinecure—all honor and no work. I return thanks to the Department for the honor they conferred one year ago, and hope that the friendly relations that have been established will continue.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
BENJ. F. OSBORN,
Junior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Montana G. A. R.
Helena, Montana, April 8, 1896.

Robert E. Fisk; Department Commander.

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to herewith submit my report of the affairs of this office for the year ending December 31, 1895.

Number of members in good standing December	
31, 1894	524
Gains during first term—	
By muster in	12
By transfer	6
By reinstatement	20
Total gain during term	38
	562

By death	3
By discharge .. .	5
By transfer .. .	6
By suspension .. .	30
By dishonorable discharge .. .	1
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Total loss during term .. .	45
Number in good standing June 30, 1895.....	517

By muster in	30
By transfer ..	6
By reinstatement ..	15
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Total gain during term	51
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	568

By death	5
By transfer	8
By honorable discharge	1
By suspension	31
By delinquent reports	39
By surrender of charter	11
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Total loss for term	95

In good standing December 31, 1895.....	524
Total gain during year	89

In good standing Dec. 31, 1895	473
Net loss for the year	51
Number of Posts Dec. 31, 1894.....	19
Loss by surrender of charter	1
Loss by delinquent reports	2

Number of Posts in good standing Dec. 31, 1895 16

Posts lost during the year are J. B. McPherson Post, No. 13, Boulder, by charter surrendered Sept. 5, 1895.

U. S. Grant Post, No. 14, Miles City, and John A. Logan Post, No. 15, Billings, suspended on delinquent reports Dec. 31, 1895.

This loss, large as it is for this Department, would undoubtedly have been greater, as one or two other Posts have evinced a disposition to surrender their charters on account of their small numbers, and the fact that their membership is so widely scattered, had it not been for your earnest work in their behalf and the kind words of advice from you, altering their first determination, and they are "still in the ranks," to remain, let us hope, until the final muster out.

On March 25, 1896, a new post was mustered in at Columbia Falls, with a membership of fifteen, and will be known as George B. McClellan Post, No. 24.

There have been sent from these headquarters to the different Posts and Department offices, nine general orders, three special orders and one circular letter; also a copy of all orders and circular letters received from National Headquarters.

The amount reported as expended for relief during the year is \$169.25. This doubtless is only a portion of the amount actually expended, as but five Posts have made any report under this head.

In the printing of the proceedings of the Encampment at Butte, in April, 1895, the committee on printing, after consulting with yourself and other Department officers, deemed it advisable to omit the following resolution, offered by Comrade T. O'Leary, and unanimously adopted by the Encampment, in order that the matter might not be brought to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief previous to the presentation of the gavel:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment, to be held at Louisville, be authorized to present, in the name of the Department of Montana, to the Commander-in-Chief, a gavel, made of copper, gold, silver and Montana sapphires, all to be Montana products.

The sixteen Posts of the Department now in good standing made their reports and paid per capita tax for the second term, ending Dec. 31, 1895. Of this number one or two failed on a former occasion, owing to the extremely hard times, to pay their per capita tax. I would therefore recommend that the the Encampment to be held at Bozeman, a resolution be passed remitting all previous arrearages due the Department for per capita tax.

To the Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters of this Department, I desire to offer my sincere thanks for the courtesies received from them, and for their commendable promptness in forwarding their several reports to these headquarters, thus enabling this Department to head the list at National Headquarters in the matter of reports for both terms of the year 1895, an honor aspired to by every Department of the country, but seldom attained.

The honor justly belongs to the several Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters for their untiring zeal and promptness, and it is to be hoped that their successors for the coming year may be equally enthusiastic and prompt in the discharge of their duties.

Finally to yourself, Commander, to whose zeal and activity much of the splendid standing of this Department is attributable, I wish to return my hearty thanks for the confidence you have placed in me, and the forbearance with which you have passed over my shortcomings.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Headquarters, Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Helena, Montana, April 9, 1896.

Robert E. Fisk, Commander.

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as Assistant Quartermaster General.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 9, 1895.....	\$ 22 76
Contributions at the 11th Encampment	27 75
Sundry persons for "gavel fund"	58 50
Quartermaster's supplies sold	70 01
Per capita tax from Posts	463 50
Charter G. B. McClellan Post, No. 24.....	10 00
Total	\$652 52

EXPENDITURES.

Per capita tax to National Encampment....	\$ 12 37
Balance for printing Journal 7th to 10th Encampments ..	50 00
Publishing Journal 11th Encampment	55 20
Printing form of installation of officers.....	11 75
Printing General Orders	30 25
Quartermaster's supplies per requisitions	57 22
Printing, postage, stationery and expenses of Headquarters and Staff Officers	87 55
Salaries A. A. G and A. Q. M. G.....	200 00
Entertainment of Commander-in-Chief and Staff ..	55 95
Expenses on "gavel"	19 85
Banner, etc., to Louisville and back	9 40

Department Encampment badges	17 25
Balance of cash on hand	45 73
Total	<u>\$652 52</u>

I submit herewith statements showing in detail all receipts and expenditures, marked exhibits A and B.

Consolidating the reports of the Posts for the two terms of 1895, I find—

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1894.....	\$ 491 66
Received from all sources	2,869 56
Total	<u>\$3,361 22</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid per capita tax to Department	\$ 463 50
Paid relief from Post funds	133 50
Paid transferred to Relief Fund	10 00
Paid all other disbursements	2,197 36
Balance on hand	556 86
Total	<u>\$3,361 22</u>
Balance Relief Fund (1 Post).....	65 98

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance Post funds	\$ 556 86
Cash balance relief funds	65 98
Value of real estate of Posts	700 00
Furniture, flags, etc.	1,381 06
Total	<u>\$2,703 90</u>

G. K. Warren Post, No. 20, is in arrears for dues for all of 1894, and for the first term of 1895. John C. Freemont Post, No. 21, is in arrears for dues for all of 1894, but as both of these Posts have been struggling for an existence, and as both of them paid their per capita tax for the second term of 1895, I would recommend that their past dues be remitted by the Encampment. I recommend that a committee be appointed on the first day of the 12th Encampment, to report during the session of 1896, to revise the price list for Quartermasters supplies. I submit herewith lists giving cost to the Department, the present prices charged, and a proposed list of prices. I have found during my three years in the office of A. Q. M. G. that the high prices charged for badges, buttons, rank straps and the necessary articles for the Posts to have on hand, has prevented them from supplying themselves and the comrades of the G. A. R. If the Department can simply reimburse itself for the cost of and expense of sending these articles to the Posts, I do not think they should seek to run a store to make a big profit out of the comrades.

It will be noted that \$67.70 of the expenditures, viz., those for the entertainment of the Commander-in-Chief and Staff, and for printing the form of installation for Department Officers, are both of such an unusual nature that they are not likely to occur again. All bills against the department to the present time have been paid, and all requisitions from Posts have been filled.

On the 9th day of March, supplies amounting to \$22.40 were furnished to our new Post, George B. McClellan, No. 24, so as to enable them to start their work.

Whether it was from your personal influence, or a renewal of the spirit of loyalty to the order, and to each other, I will not say, but there seems to have been oil poured upon all of us, so that each of your Staff Officers, as well as all the officers of the Posts, have worked together the past year in harmony and without any friction, and so have enabled you to congratulate the Posts for the honor of being twice in one year the first with our reports at National Headquarters.

I thank you, Commander, and all the Staff and Post Officers, for the uniform courtesy and kindness to me during the past year.

I am especially indebted, not only during the time that he was Acting Assistant Quartermaster General, but for the entire time of my occupancy of the office to which you appointed me, to Comrade Henry T. Bevan for his assistance to me, thus enabling me to keep the accounts of the Department straight and to make my reports in due season.

Yours respectfully in F., C. & L.,

W. A. HAVEN,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Exhibit "A."
RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST.	No.	PER CAPITA TAX 1895.		Q. M. Supplies.
		June 30	Dec. 31.	
Lincoln	2	\$21 00	\$20 00	\$6 30
Wadsworth	3	63 50	64 00	8 60
Custer	5	8 00	5 00	.....
Frank Blair	6	8 00	8 00	.....
Farragut	7	15 50	13 50	.....
Steadman	8	6 50	7 50	.....
William English	10	16 50	16 00	9 85
Fred Winthrop	11	6 50	8 50	.....
Thomas L. Kane	12	6 00	6 00	.....
J. B. McPherson	13	8 50	3 00	.....
U. S. Grant	14	.....	.....	.....
John A. Logan	15	.....	.....	.....
George G. Meade	16	10 00	13 00	5 59
Sheridan	18	18 00	25 50	20 80
James A. Shields	19	6 50	6 50	1 05
G. K. Warren	20	.....	9 50	.....
John C. Freemont	21	6 00	6 00	5 00
Burnside	22	9 50	9 50	8 46
Nat Lyons	23	16 00	16 00	3 35
G. B. McClellan	24	.....	.....	10 00
		\$226 00	\$237 50	\$79 00
Total from Posts				\$542 50
Badges and rank straps sold officers.....				1 01
Contribution of 11th Encampment				27 75
Contribution for gavel fund				58 50
Cash on hand April 9, 1895				22 76
Total				\$652 52

Exhibit "B." EXPENDITURES.

DATE.	✓ c	TO WHOM PAID.	AMT.
1895			
Apr. 11	1	Butte Printing Co., balance on Journal	\$50 00
11	2	Standard Man. & P. Co., general orders	3 25
11	3	Independent Pub. Co., stamped envelopes	13 00
12	4	J. W. Burst, Q. M. G., req. for su.....	15 01
Jun. 24	5	Jessie Fowler, for typewriting.....	7 75
July 24	6	Ind. Pub. Co., rosters and envelopes	9 75
24	7	State Pub. Co., general orders.....	9 50
Jun. 27	8	W. A. Haven, sundry expenses.....	10 41
29	9	Ed S. Walker, one quarter salary A. A. G.....	25 00
29	10	W. A. Haven, one quarter salary A. Q. M. G.....	25 00
July 9	11	Ind. Pub. Co., envelopes and postage	8 30
9	12	Helena Book & Sta. Co., record book and ink	4 50
10	13	R. C. Wallace, box cigars, entertainment	3 50
8	14	J. W. Burst, per capita tax.....	6 45
13	15	Helena Hotel Co., entertainment Commander-in-Chief ...	18 75
Aug. 15	15	Helena Hotel Co., entertainment Commander-in-Chief	10 00
15	16	Herald Pub. Co., telegrams Commander-in-Chief	2 20
15	17	The Frank Pub. Co., circulars.....	1 75
14	18	State Pub. Co., Journal 11th Encampment ...	25 00
19	19	J. W. Burst, req. for supplies.....	40
28	20	Sands Bros., ribbons, etc., for delegate to Louisville	1 40
30	21	Helena Lapidary Co., two sapphires, etc., gavel	17 75
30	22	Nor. Pac. Ex. Co., banner to Louisville	4 00
31	23	Nor. Pac. Ex. Co., gavel expressage	1 15
Sept. 1	24	Ed S. Walker, acct. quar. salary.....	12 50
13	25	Ind. Pub. Co., stamped envelopes.....	2 00
14	26	W. A. Haven, sundry expenses.....	9 23
14	27	W. A. Haven, 2d quar. salary.....	25 00
20	28	Great Nor. Ex. Co., banner from Louisville	4 00
20	29	Helena Cab & Trans. Co., hack hire	20 00
Oct. 24	30	A. J. Burbank, Esq., req. for supplies	23 25
Nov. 22	31	A. J. Burbank, req. for supplies.....	4 10
20	32	L. J. Wells, 1 doz. roses Commander-in-Chief	1 50
Dec. 3	33	Ind. Pub. Co., envelopes	75
12	34	Ed S. Walker, 3d quar. salary.....	12 50
19	34	Ind. Pub. Co., stamped envelopes.....	3 25
20	18	State Pub. Co., balance on Journal 11th Encampment	22 45
12	24	Ed S. Walker, 2d quar. salary.....	25 00
26	35	W. A. Haven, 3d quar. salary.....	25 00
26	37	Frank Pub. Co., 100 circulars.....	3 50
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Jan. 2	38	A. J. Burbank, per capita tax.....	5 91
2	39	Ed S. Walker, 4th quar. salary.....	25 00
2	40	W. A. Haven, 4th quar. salary.....	25 00
3	41	The Frank-Craig Pub. Co., inst. officers	14 75
6	42	W. A. Haven, sundry expenses.....	13 75
18	43	Benson, Carpenter & Co., frt. and cartage	80
Feb. 14	44	Ind. Pub. Co., 400 blank credentials	3 00
17	45	Miss M. Wells, typewriting, etc.....	4 00
17	46	C. S. Cole & Co., 200 Encampment badges	17 25
18	47	A. J. Burbank, req. for supplies.....	14 56
Mar. 5	48	State Pub. Co., general orders.....	1 75
14	49	H. S. Thurber & Co., general orders	7 50
Apr. 6	50	W. A. Haven, expenses A. Q. M. G.	5 76
			\$606 79
		Balance cash on hand in Montana National Bank, Helena	45 73
			\$652 52

W. A. HAVEN,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

Stevensville, Mont., April 1, 1896.

Robert E. Fisk, Department Commander Montana G. A. R., and Comrades.

We have reached another annual camping ground in the grand and inevitable march of life. Doubtless that march has had its smooth plains, rugged roads, towering cliffs and obstacles common in the campaign of life. But we are here with great reason for profound gratitude to the Giver of all Good, for alike the sunshine and shadow.

In January I sent out communications to the several Chaplains of the respective Posts throughout the Department, and would take occasion to say that the responses were prompt and exceedingly interesting, and in general very encouraging as regards the condition of work throughout the field. The report of the Inspector General, however, will cover much of the information along the lines indicated as contained in the statements concerning the general prosperity of the order.

Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte, John Raley, Chaplain; George H. Thomas Post, No. 4, Deer Lodge, H. H. Zenor reporting; Wm. English Post, No. 10, Bozeman, J. C. Lamb, Chaplain; Fort Custer Post, I. Newton Ritter, Chaplain; Thomas L. Kane Post, No. 12, Glendive, James McCormick, Adjutant, reporting; John C. Fremont Post, No. 21, Hamilton, O. P. Gregg, Chaplain; Burnside Post, No. 22, Phillipsburg, W. T. Allison, Chaplain; all report no deaths of comrades or old soldiers; Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11, Missoula, J. L. Sloan, Adjutant; reports the death of James E. Fletcher, Co. L., 3d Wisconsin Infantry; Sheridan Post, No. 18, Great Falls, J. Epler, Chaplain, reports the death of four old soldiers, J. E. Nunn, J. J. Hall, W. H. Merritt and H. H. Lippencott; Farragut Post, No. 7, Livingston, A. Ristenblatt, Chaplain, reports three deaths of comrades, H. H. Hoppe, Past Adjutant M. G.; W. H. Redfield, Post Chaplain, and Thomas Galt, Past Surgeon of the Post, and two old soldiers, Clunney and Noah F. Brown; and Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena, J. R. Hilman, Chaplain, reports three deaths, J. A. Fletcher, Co. E, Wisconsin Cavalry regiment; Joseph H. Soudant, Co. D, Massachusetts Infantry, and Abraham Thomas, Co. A, Ohio Cavalry; Steadman Post, No. 8, Dillon, Thomas Lochridge, Chaplain, reports the death of Comrade Straub.

The reports of fatalities for the past year show an increase of eight over last year. This proves that the battle of oncoming years is sweeping rank and file, and that soon we shall all cross the Great Divide, store our arms and knapsacks in the final armory and enter eternal quarters. May God grant that our quarters may be amid the celestial plains of glory, hard by the throne of God.

“On the Happy Golden Shore,
Where the faithful part no more,
When the storms of life are o’er,
Meet me there;
Where the night dissolves away,
Into pure and perfect day,
I am going home to stay,
Meet me there.

“Here our fondest hopes are vain,
Dearest links are rent in twain;
But in heaven no throb of pain,
Meet me there;
By the river sparkling bright,
In the City of Delight,
Where our faith is lost in sight,
Meet me there.

“Where the harps of angels ring,
And the blest forever sing,
In the palace of the King,
Meet me there;
Where in sweet communion blend
Heart with heart and friend with friend,
In a world that ne’er shall end,
Meet me there.”

It is worthy of notice that Memorial Day was very generally observed throughout the Department and the exercises were of a most interesting and impressive character. It is a source of great satisfaction to the old soldiers to see the enthusiasm with which the day of all others to him is the most sacred, is observed by the oncoming generation and a grateful nation.

The union of the Blue and the Gray at the last National Encampment is a most hopeful indication of a fully united country, and yet the ever-existing superiority of the Blue must never be forgotten or obscured by the glamour of political gush and sycophancy. Some, who like curs, barked at our heels during the struggle and talked about “Lincoln’s Hirelings” and “Heartless Hordes,” ought not to be taken too closely into our bosoms, lest the copperhead penetrate the nation with its poisonous fangs and disrupting influence. “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

It too often happens that designing demagogues put on an air of extreme charity while hiding beneath a robe of hypocrisy the cloven foot. The brave soldier ever respects the conquered foe who was worthy of his steel, but at the same time feels a deep sense of loyal pride that his cause has won. This is a privilege, and no man shall make our vaunting vain, or rob us of a single scintillation of our

glorious triumph over anarchy and secession, the embodiment of national ruin. Palsied be the hand and tongue that would undo the work of those dreadful years of conflict, or tend to sever the union cord, composed of three strands, Fraternity, Charity and **Loyalty**, wound together by loyal hands and cemented by blood. The language of the Irish bard, Sir Thomas Moore, in his "Miriam's Song," is in point when he says:

"Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea!
 Jehovah has triumphed—His people are free.
 Sing, for the pride of the tyrant is broken,
 His chariots and horsemen, all splendid and brave,
 How vain was their boasting—the Lord has but spoken,
 And chariots and horsemen are sunk in the wave.
 Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea!
 Jehovah has spoken, his people are free."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JENKINS,
 Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Bozeman, Mont., April 9, 1896.

Commander Robert E. Fisk, Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State of Montana.

I herewith submit the following report:

During the year the duties of my office have not been laborious, having been called upon to render but two opinions, however, these covering a number of questions.

The first was upon certain questions submitted by our Department Quartermaster, Wm. A. Haven. The following are the questions and answers:

First—Are the compilers of the proceedings of the Department Encampment authorized to correct the report of the Committee on Credentials as to members of the Department not elective delegates?

Answer. Yes, to conform to the record of the Department, and as to any manifest errors in relation thereto.

The Committee on Credentials, as I understand the rules and regulations, have power in the first instance only to pass upon the credentials of the elective delegates. These are the only members required to produce credentials. Article II, Chapter 2, Rules and Regulations. No credentials are required as to other members of the Department, such as Past Department Commanders, officers of the Department and Past Post Commanders. These are what might be termed the ex-officio members, and while the Committee on Credentials may report on the name of such members, yet an omission would not deprive the omitted member of his rights.

Second—Is Ela C. Waters, P. D. C., who now resides in Wisconsin, a member of the Department?

Answer. Yes, if in good standing in this Department, or any Post of this Department, to which he may have been transferred.

Third—Does the failure of a Post Adjutant to report Past Post Commander in his report prior to the meeting of the Encampment deprive such Past Post Commander of his right as a member of the Department?

Answer. No; he is by virtue of his rank a member of the Department, and a failure of the Post Adjutant to report him cannot deprive him of his right and honor.

Fourth—Where a Post has surrendered its charter and a Past Post Commander is transferred to another Post of the Department and in good standing, is he a member of the Department?

Answer. Yes; P. P. 49-15 page 133 Blue Book.

Fifth—What Post does such Past Post Commander represent in the Department?

Answer. Not necessarily any particular Post. Such member of the Department acts individually; he is in the nature of a delegate at large. However, it would be proper to credit him to the Post in which he then holds his membership, but to show that such member was a member of the Department Encampment, it should also appear that he is "Past Post Commander of Post, No. . . , Charter Surrendered." Such member would naturally be expected to act in the interest of the Post to which he belonged, and would probably do so, but as you have said the records should show his honor and his right as a member of the Department.

The second opinion was as to the eligibility of an applicant for admission to Wadsworth Post, No. 3, submitted through A. A. G. Ed S. Walker, and is as follows:

H. A. Lehdorff makes application to be mustered as a member of Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Department Montana G. A. R.

The applicant claims to have been duly enrolled in Co. C, 11th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia, on the 4th day of June, 1864, and was relieved from active service March 12, 1865. No written discharges were given to members of said organization. No official record evidence is furnished to show that applicant ever served in such organization. However, a certificate of the Captain of his Company, and of the Adjutant of his Regiment, accompany his application.

I am of the opinion that this certificate is prima facie evidence that the applicant served as claimed, and were proof of such evidence as stated in the certificate all that was necessary, the members of Wadsworth Post might be satisfied with such proof, and admit applicant to muster, but such proof is not all that is essential under Article IV, Chapter I, of Rules and Regulations. In order for an applicant of this character to be admitted as a member of the G. A. R. it must appear that his Regiment was called into active

service and subject to the orders of the United States General Officers between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865. The proof of such fact should be made in such a way as to fully satisfy the members of the Post to which the applicant applies.

If the 11th Regiment Enrolled Missouri Militia was at any time between the dates mentioned called into active service, and subject to the order of the United States' General Officers, then applicant would be eligible. It seems to me that the status of such Regiment at the date named could be ascertained from the record in the office of the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, or there might be records in the reports of the General Officers of the United States in command at St. Louis at the time applicant claims to have been in active service. Such proof must be furnished before applicant can be mustered. See Blue Book, 1893, pages 39 and 40.

However much I should like to see every one of Missouri's thrice loyal Dutchmen (Fight mit Siegel) become members of the G. A. R., yet I am clearly of the opinion that the evidence is not sufficient to admit the applicant, H. A. Lohndorff, to muster.

In closing this report I desire to extend my thanks to all the officers of the Department for their uniform courtesies, and especially to our Department Quartermaster, W. A. Haven, for valuable favors received.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. PIERCE,
Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF THE MUSTERING OFFICER.

Butte, Mont., April 9, 1896.

Ed S. Walker, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report as Mustering Officer of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

George B. McClellan Post, No. 24, Columbia Falls, has been mustered in with 15 charter members. See report of Comrade Lyman Loring, detailed to muster in Post. His report is as follows, to-wit:

Chief Mustering Officer James D. Jenks, Butte, Mont.

Comrade—I have the honor to herewith submit my report as Department Mustering Officer of George B. McClellan Post, No. 24, Department of Montana, at Columbia Falls. Number of members, 15. The following officers were elected and installed:

Comrade H. H. Garr, Commander.

Comrade Thomas Clayton, Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade T. B. Conklin, Jr., Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade H. H. Herrick, Quartermaster.

Comrade Thomas Carroll, Surgeon.

Comrade C. E. Burgoyne, Chaplain.

Comrade D. A. Snyder, Officer of the Day.
Comrade J. W. Hooper, Officer of the Guard.
Comrade R. F. Tate, Adjutant.
Comrade H. A. Miller, Quartermaster Sargeant.
Date of Muster, March 25, 1896.
Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

LYMAN LORING.

No other business has ben transacted in the office.
Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

J. D. JENKS,
Mustering Officer Department of Montana G. A. R.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Comrades—At the 11th Annual Encampment of this Department I was honored by being elected a delegate to the 29th National Encampment, to be held at Louisville, Ky., Sept. 10, 1895.

In company with Past Department Commander Gregg, we left Great Falls on the morning of September 5th, arriving in Louisville on the morning of the 9th, and at once proceeded to the Montana Headquarters, which had been secured in advance by Department Commander Fisk.

The first thing that caught the eye upon approaching the city was the profuse display of bunting and stars and stripes. It seemed as though a cloud in the heavens, loaded with flags and bunting, extending over the entire city, had burst and dropped its cargo.

At night the illumination by electric light in red, white and blue was simply beyond description. Lincoln, Grant and the American eagle were all produced by electric light.

Col. Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, an ex-Confederate officer, made the address of welcome at the opening of the Encampment, and General Warner, of Missouri, replied on behalf of the G. A. R. I am satisfied that every one present felt that the boys who wore the Gray are eager to take the hand of those who wore the Blue and say, "One country and one flag," we are your friends, accept our friendship and our hearts will be glad.

I have always contended that a more generous and hospitable people than Montana has could not be found anywhere, but to excel the generosity, hospitality and good fellowship that was exhibited by the people of Louisville towards the G. A. R. on the occasion of the 29th National Encampment would require an effort to the utmost, even of the people of Montana, which is the highest compliment I can pay to the Louisville people on that score. In short, it was a convivial meeting of the North and South in its broadest sense, inspired by the people of Louisville.

At the conclusion of Col. Watterson's address he stepped to the rear of the platform, where Mrs. John A. Logan was seated. As

he approached the widow of the distinguished soldier, she grasped Col. Watterson's hand and in a trembling voice thanked him for the sentiments that he had expressed and said she only regretted that her husband was not alive to witness this union.

To describe the affecting scene which took place during the address of Gen. Warner, I quote from the Louisville Courier-Journal, as follows: "During Gen. Warner's speech a dramatic incident occurred. In speaking of the sectional feeling that was dying away, he stepped over and grasped the hand of Mr. Watterson, who was sitting beside Gen. Palmer in front of the desk of Adjutant General Jones. Mr. Watterson was to his feet in an instant, and as the two stood with clasped hands the crowd went wild with excitement and cheer after cheer went up."

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After the reading of the poems, Gen. O'Leary, in a speech which was a credit to the Department of Montana, also to the State of Montana, presented the gavel to the Commander-in-Chief. The gavel was on exhibition for several days and was seen by thousands of people from all parts of the United States, who will speak of it to their friends at home.

There were entertainments, excursions, banquets, receptions innumerable, to which the members of the Encampment were invited. We made an effort to attend the W. R. C. reception, but the throng was so great that we were compelled to forego the pleasure of paying our respects to the distinguished ladies.

The reception given by the ladies of Louisville at the Auditorium to meet Mrs. Logan, Commander-in-Chief Lawler, the Mayor and wife, we availed ourselves of, and I assure you it was a magnificent affair.

The parade, although the march was comparatively short, was nevertheless a big one. It is estimated that 45,000 were in line. Montana took position assigned on a side street (to fall in the column when the division preceding it passed) at 9:30 a. m., and it was 2 p. m. before our turn came to fall in, and there were several divisions behind the one to which Montana was attached.

The march was about two miles long. Montana had only six in line. It was very warm, yes, hot, and we all carried umbrellas. Though few in number, Montana made a fine appearance—that is, in style and intellectually.

Many cheers went up for Montana. One fellow remarked: "There ain't many of them, but they're dandies! Hurrah for Montana!" Another said: "Why didn't you bring some snowballs with you to keep cool?" This remark had a very favorable effect, reducing our temperature from 105 to 85.

The accidental explosion of a caisson, while going out to fire a salute, which resulted in the death of five of Louisville's brave military boys, without a moment's notice, cast a gloom over the Encampment and the entire city. How the accident occurred, no one seemed to be able to satisfactorily explain. In honor of those

who thus lost their lives, and in respect to the living comrades and citizens of Louisville, the Commander-in-Chief detailed one comrade from each Department to attend the funeral. With the exception of this most lamentable accident, nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the Encampment.

Respectfully, in F., C. & L.,

F. GEO HELDT.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Helena, Mont., April 9, 1896.

Ed S. Walker, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

Sir—In compliance with the requirements of Section 10, Article VI, Chapter 3, of the Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to submit a report of the operations of the office of Inspector of the Department during the past year.

The Posts being few in number, the report must necessarily be short, but happily for those present, it will take less time to read.

I was much pleased at the prompt compliance with the order from Department Headquarters directing the inspection to be made, and at the full and complete reports made by the Post Inspectors. All were received in fairly good season, and none were returned for correction.

The consolidated report made by me gives a membership of the Grand Army in this Department of 473, being the same as that reported by the Adjutant General. It also shows that to a great extent the officers and members are regular in their attendance and that they exhibit an interest in their Posts, that the records are complete and well kept, that orders are regularly received, read and duly observed, and that all reports and dues have been forwarded.

The amounts charged for muster-in fees and for annual dues vary considerably. I find that for muster-in four Posts charge \$5, eight charge \$3, two charge \$2.50, one \$2, and one \$1, an average of \$3.25. Annual dues: two Posts charge \$6, six charge \$4, six \$3 and two \$2, an average of the whole of \$3.62 1-2. The average is well enough, but it seems to me that under present circumstances any muster-in fee below \$3 is too low, and annual dues of more than \$4 per year are too high: \$3, or even \$2, if the Post could live on it, would be better.

I write these things, not because I am anxious to give an opinion in the matter, nor with the idea that it is of any particular value when given, but for the information of the comrades generally, as I know of no better way of getting at a thing properly than by knowing what others do under the same conditions.

Only one Post reports a relief fund, but considerable amounts were expended by others for charitable purposes. Nearly all the school houses are supplied with flags, and all Posts but one have

more or less property, ranging in value from \$5 to more than \$800.

The future prospects of the posts also vary. Four report them good, ten fair, one poor and one pretty slim.

On the whole, I consider the reports as reasonably encouraging. The main trouble would seem to be the small membership, but I am inclined to the opinion that in the nature of things the Grand Army of the Republic will last as long in Montana as in any other Department. The increase of population from emigration from the older States, among which there will be a certain percentage of old soldiers, will increase the number of comrades in the Posts, or at least enable us to hold our own for a long time to come.

I am, sir, very truly yours,

H. S. HOWELL,
Department Inspector.

The Encampment was next entertained by an address by Chaplain-in-Chief Iliff.

The Commander appointed the following committee on reports of Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander: J. O. Gregg, C. F. Gage, W. P. Rodebank.

On Report of Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector: R. H. Lindley, W. H. H. Dickinson.

Committee on all other reports: F. George Heldt, N. Ebert, Josephus Rich.

The committee appointed at the 11th Encampment to prepare a form for Installation of Officers for this Department, reported that they had prepared such a form, which had been approved by the Department Commander and printed.

The Encampment then took a recess until 9:30, April 10.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1896.

The Encampment came to order at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

The following report of the Council of Administration was then read and unanimously adopted:

Bozeman, Mont., April 6, 1896.

To the Department Commander of the Department of Montana, in 12th Annual Encampment.

The Council of Administration, to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report that they have examined the reports of these officers, and find them to be correct in fact and statement. They carefully examined the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General, with receipted vouchers, and find the report submitted by him to the Department Encampment to be correct in all its details. The balance reported on hand we find to be the true balance, and the whole amount for which he is chargeable, and as

Comrade W. A. Haven, who has served this Department as Assistant Quartermaster General during the past three years and a part of another, where he found the affairs of the office in chaos, is about to leave this Department for business reasons, we take this opportunity, as the Council of Administration, having had business relations with him, that we have found him thorough in business methods, every detail of the work of his office was carefully attended to, although made up of petty items, and the money coming into his hands kept as a sacred trust, every cent being always on hand, entered and accounted for.

We regret the loss the Department will meet with in the departure of Comrade Haven from among us, and extend to him the thanks of the entire membership of the Grand Army of the Department of Montana for his uniform courtesy and the promptness and fidelity with which he responded to every call of duty as a Comrade in this Department.

The Council of Administration recommend that the arrears of dues of the G. K. Warren Post, No. 20, and John C. Freemont Post, No. 21, be remitted. We recommend that the schedule of prices for supplies recommended by the Assistant Quartermaster General be adopted.

The report of the committee on the address of the Department Commander was then read and adopted unanimously.

Bozeman, Mont., April 9, 1896.

To the 12th Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana.

Your committee, to whom was referred the annual address of the Department Commander, respectfully report that we find more than ample foundation for his commendation of the good work of the Department Staff during the past year, in the excellent record of this Department, and in the promptitude in the making and the general excellence of the reports of the membership of the Staff.

That the incidents attending the National Encampment at Louisville, Ky., discloses that the men who fought against us for secession are to-day true and loyal upholders of the Union of the States, that their love of the flag of the nation is no less than ours is to us, the most pleasing news. It was for this our comrades died. It was for this we left our homes and employments to do battle, with no hatred and only in a sense of duty to our common country did we enter upon our campaign, and when success crowned our efforts we left our foes masters of the field, to work out their own destiny within their self-formed laws. Our duty done as soldiers of the Republic, we returned to our employments. No badge of the conquered was forged by our hands; our prisoners shared alike in our rights and liberties. That they have come to share in our love of the Union and its Flag we rejoice, and welcome them with no jealousies, but that they love not with a greater love. It is the

vindication of our dead comrades; it is the evidence that they did not die in vain. Their blood did indeed cement the Union, and we rejoice in the fact that the report of the Department Commander tells us that that for which we fought is accomplished. Our country a unit.

Your committee expresses a gratification that the report of the Commander gives us assurance that the Soldiers' Home will soon be ready to receive the Comrades needing its refuge, that the disgrace of having those who willingly gave their service in the Nation's peril, at the age when such service would have been most profitable to themselves in making provisions against age and misfortune, gave willing service when service meant disease that unfits for the struggles of life, and with this burden of disease too often the result of the service they had undertaken, unable to meet the sharp competitions of life, fell by the roadside and driven to rely upon the mean charity of pauperism; that the disgraceful exhibition to our children, upon whom the Republic must rely for its future defenders, of seeing within the shadow of the flags floating upon the school houses the volunteer defenders of that flag paupers, largely by reason of disease acquired in such defense. That this disgrace will soon be wiped out in Montana, and that an honorable Home will be provided for unfortunate defenders of the flag.

We approve of the recommendation of the organization of picket posts in this Department, and that a committee be appointed to prepare rules for the government of such Posts.

We approve of the commendation of the organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps, and recommend a closer affiliation with this valuable auxiliary in the works of charity, which is the Central Pillar of our Society.

We approve of the recommendation that greater efforts be made by the several Posts in the observance of Memorial Day. It is fast becoming a national custom; we can make it so in fact by a little more effort in the time given us to create the sentiment.

We recommend the works of the Commander during his term of office, and when he says to us, "Hail to you and farewell," we should say in reply, "Hail, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful; you have proven worthy of the trust given you. May you meet with due reward."

T. O'LEARY,
LYMAN LORING,
ED F. FERRIS,
Committee.

The report of the committee on the reports of the Senior Vice Commander and the Junior Vice Commander was read and unanimously adopted.

Bozeman, Mont., April 10, 1896.

Dear Sir—We, your committee upon the reports of the Senior and

Junior Vice Commanders of the Department of Montana for the years 1895 and 1896, desire to report the following:

The Senior Vice Commander made a very instructing and interesting verbal report, giving in detail a history of his visit to the National Encampment, and the impressions he received while participating therein, and an eloquent account of his visit to the battle-fields of Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, and this report we heartily approve; but we must urge that he embody that verbal to a written report, that it may be filed with the reports of this Encampment, and that others may be benefitted by these experiences.

The Junior Vice Commander's report is brief and to the point, and suggestive, and we can only say to his complaint that he expects too much from his superior officers.

With this modification we recommend that these reports be received and filed with the records of this Encampment.

Yours respectfully,

J. O. GREGG,
C. F. GAGE,
W. P. RODEBANK,
Committee.

The following report of the committee on the report of the Chaplain was then read and unanimously adopted:

Headquarters Department of Montana.
Bozeman, Mont., April 11, 1896.

R. E. Fisk, Department Commander, Montana.

Comrade—We, the undersigned committee, appointed to examine the report of the Department Chaplain, will say we have examined the same and suggest that all names of soldiers who were not members of the Grand Army be dropped, as we have no jurisdiction over their history or names. We also recommend that a memorial page in the proceedings of this session be set apart for the names of the eight comrades who have been assigned for duty at Supreme Headquarters above.

We recommend that the report be printed as presented, with the corrections as indicated above.

JOS. M. LINDLEY,
W. H. H. DICKINSON,
J. S. WISNER,
Committee.

The report of the committee on the report of the Inspector General was then read.

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana.
Bozeman, Mont., April 11, 1896.

R. E. Fisk, Department Commander.

Sir—We, your committee, appointed to examine the report of

H. S. Howell, Department Inspector, take pleasure in suggesting that the report be adopted as presented, and would emphasize the remark of the Inspector in regard to the muster-in fees and annual dues, and would recommend that the minimum muster-in fee be fixed at \$2.50, and annual dues \$2.50. We would recommend that this session adopt some method which will result in the mustering in of more of the old soldiers within our ranks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. M. LINDLEY,
W. H. H. DICKINSON,
J. S. WISNER,
Committee.

It was then ordered by the Commander that all the reports formerly read be placed on file with the Assistant Adjutant General.

The following report of the committee on the report of the Mustering Officer was read and placed on file.

Commander—Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Mustering Officer, respectfully recommend that the same be accepted.

F. GEO. HELDT,
N. EBERT,
JOSEPHUS RICH,
Committee.

The following communication was then read from Commander-in-Chief I. N. Walker, and ordered placed on file:

Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Indianapolis, Ind., March 30, 1896.

R. E. Fisk, Department Commander. Helena, Mont.

My Dear Sir and Comrade—On account of absence from home, answer to your very kind invitation has been delayed until now. Owing to the time of meeting of the Encampments of several Departments in the East, it will be impossible for me to attend your Encampment on the 9th of next month, at Bozeman, as I shall not be able to leave on the western trip until just about that time. If possible I shall take Montana en route on my return, and will communicate with you, so that perhaps we may have a meeting and a camp fire at some principal point in your State. Regretting that I could not arrange the meeting of the several Encampments so as to be present with you during your session, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

I. N. WALKER,
Commander-in-Chief.

The following telegram was then read:

Virginia City, Mont., April 9, 1896.

"Tied up professionally. A comrade's greeting to all. Shake."

J. E. CALLOWAY.

On motion of Comrade T. O'Leary, the schedule of prices to be charged for Quartermaster's supplies, as recommended by the Assistant Quartermaster General, was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Rules and Regulations, each.....	\$ 04
Sets Rituals (two Rituals and cards for S. V. C. & J. V. C. and Chaplain), per set.....	60
Set of official cards, per set.....	12
Services (installation, dedication, memorial and burial)	20
Odes, per 100	60
Applications, per 100	45
Leaves of absence, per 100	1 75
Transfers, per 100	2 50
Discharges, per 100	2 50
Post Charters, each	10 00
Descriptive books, each	70
Blue Books, each	1 00
Badges, membership, each	40
Badges, officers', each	40
Membership Certificates, each	25
Buttons, each	07
Rank straps, each	25
Badge ribbons, each	05
Ribbon for Regulation Strap—	
Light blue, each	05
Cherry, each	05
Buff, each	05
Electrotype of Badge—	
No. 1 large, each	50
No. 2 medium, each	50
No. 3 small, each	50

On motion of Comrade T. O'Leary, it was voted that the arrearages of dues of the G. K. Warren Post, No. 20, and John C. Freemont Post, No. 21, be remitted.

On motion of Comrade T. O. Leary, it was voted that a committee be appointed on Picket Posts, of which J. O. Gregg shall be a member.

The following committee was appointed by the Commander: J. O. Gregg, W. H. H. Dickenson, S. H. Almon.

Comrade O'Leary offered the following resolution in reference to the Assistant Quartermaster General:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered by this Encampment

to Comrade W. A. Haven, A. Q. M. G. of this Department during the past four terms, for his unswerving integrity, his faithful performance of every duty, his uniform courtesy to all having business with him, and his zeal for the good and welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that this resolution be engrossed and presented to Comrade Haven.

The resolution was seconded by Past Department Commander H. C. Kessler and unaimously adopted.

Upon motion of Comrade Davidson, the following committee was appointed to report upon that part of the Commander's address in reference to the Woman's Relief Corps: P. R. Dolman, J. G. Sanders, H. C. Kessler.

A committee of three ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps was admitted and made the following report to the Encampment, which was placed on file:

Headquarters Department of Montana, Woman's Relief Corps.
Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Missoula, Mont., April 5, 1896.

Robert E. Fisk, Commander Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to extend to you, and through you to the 12th Annual Encampment, the greetings of the Third Annual Convention Department of Montana Woman's Relief Corps, and to submit to you the following report, showing our membership, financial condition and the relief extended:

Number of Corps in the Department, 9; number of members in good standing April 5, 1896, 324.

Expended for relief during the year.....	\$135 00
Turned over to Posts during the year	174 00
Estimated value of relief other than money....	51 00
For Memorial Day in the South	12 00
For Memorial Day in Montana.....	41 25
For National W. R. C. Home.....	9 46

Total for the year	\$422 71
Remaining in the relief fund.....	95 25
Remaining in the general fund.....	432 00

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

FRANCIS E. MOORE,
Department President.

The Encampment was then entertained by an able address from Mrs. Kirkendall on the objects of the order of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The report of the committee on the report of the Judge Advocate General was then read and placed on file.

Headquarters G. A. R., Department of Montana.
Bozeman, Mont., April 11, 1896.

R. E. Fisk, Department of Montana.

Dear Sir—We, the undersigned committee, appointed to examine the report of the Judge Advocate General, would recommend that it be adopted, by the addition of page and paragraph of Blue Book on the subject as read.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LINDLEY,
W. H. H. DICKINSON,
J. S. WISNER,
Committee.

It was voted that the Department per capita tax be fixed at 50 cents per term for the ensuing year.

The following resolution, by the delegates from Lincoln Post, in reference to the Service Pension Bill now pending in Congress, was read and approved:

Resolved, That the Department of Montana, G. A. R., at its present annual meeting, held on April 9 and 10, 1896, at Bozeman, Mont., do endorse and approve the Pension Service Bill now before Congress, for eight (8) dollars per month, and hereby instruct its Assistant Adjutant General to so notify the Senators and members of Congress from Montana.

It was moved by Comrade Ed S. Walker that a committee of three be appointed to publish the proceedings of this Encampment, also a full roster of all the Posts of the Department. It was adopted, and the following committee was appointed: Ed S. Walker, Wadsworth Post; H. T. Bevan, Wadsworth Post, Benjamin F. Osborn, Wm. English Post.

It was moved by Comrade Walker that the representation to the next Department Commander remain the same as at present. Adopted.

The committee appointed to confer with the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps reported that they had performed that duty.

It was moved by Comrade Gregg that \$200 be appropriated to pay salaries of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General for the ensuing year. Adopted.

Recess until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 p. m.

The following resolution was read from the Woman's Relief Corps:
Bozeman, Mont., April 10, 1896.

To the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Montana.

Whereas, The comrades of the G.A.R. are advancing in years and

must naturally soon pass away. Evidently in a few years more their ranks will be broken, and in many places they find it hard to economize so that they will be enabled to hold their meetings; and,

Whereas, We, the Woman's Relief Corps, their loyal auxiliary, desiring to do and at all times work for their interest, be it now

Resolved, That all old soldiers be made honorary members of the Woman's Relief Corps; be it further

Resolved, That the delegate to the National Convention W. R. C. be instructed to present this resolution to the National Convention, and use her every influence to have the same passed by that high body at their next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

CORA L. JOLLY,
Department Aid.

The Commander then announced that all the business of the Encampment, in accordance with the order of business as adopted, having been completed, the next order would be the election and installation of the officers of the Department for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Comrade O'Leary that Comrade Willson be nominated for Department Commander and that his election be by acclamation. Ably seconded by J. G. Sanders, of Wadsworth Post, and T. C. Davidson, of George G. Meade Post.

The rules were then suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was directed by a rising vote of the whole membership to cast the vote of the Encampment for Lester S. Willson for Department Commander.

The following officers were then unanimously elected:

F. G. Heldt—Senior Vice Commander.

Lyman Loring—Junior Vice Commander.

I. M. Rockefeller—Medical Director.

George W. Jenkins—Chaplain.

J. M. Lindley, W. H. Yeaton, Josephus Rich, A. E. Gloyd, James Gibson—Council of Administration.

T. C. Davidson—Representative at Large National Encampment.

C. B. Miller—Representative National Encampment.

James B. Loomis—Alternate Representative National Encampment of C. B. Miller.

W. H. Dickinson—Alternate Representative National Encampment of T. C. Davidson.

On the invitation of Comrade Thaddeus C. Davidson, it was unanimously voted to hold the 13th Encampment of this Department at Anaconda.

The following resolution was offered by S. H. Almon, of Butte:

Bozeman, Mont., April 10, 1896.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., be and are hereby tendered to Wm. English Post, No. 10,

both as a Post and individual members; also to the Corps and individual members of Wm. English Corps, No. 3, of the Woman's Relief Corps; also to the street railway for unlimited free transportation.

And a special vote of thanks is due Miss Josie Van Tassel for the enjoyment we have had in witnessing her exhibition of class drill and listening to the patriotic songs of the children in her charge and her own matchless vocal demonstrations in patriotic song.

And to the citizens of the Gallatin valley and the beautiful city of Bozeman for the royal manner in which we have been entertained during our 12th Annual Encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That the Adjutant General furnish the press of this city a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The officers elected were then installed by Chief Mustering Officer Jenks, of Butte, in accordance with the Installation Service adopted by the Encampment, viz:

Commander—Lester S. Willson	Bozeman
Senior Vice Commander—F. Geo. Heldt	Great Falls
Junior Vice Commander—Lyman Loring	Kalispell
Chaplain—George W. Jenkins	Stevensville
Medical Director—Irvin M. Rockefeller	Anaconda
Assistant Adjutant General—Benjamin F. Osborn	Bozeman
Assistant Quartermaster General—Henry T. Bevan	Helena
Judge Advocate—Timothy O'Leary	Anaconda
Chief Mustering Officer—Samuel H. Almon	Butte

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Joseph M. Lindley	Wm. English Post
Wm. H. Yeaton	Farragut Post
Josephus Rich	Steadman Post
A. E. Gloyd	Frank Blair Post
James Gibson	Sheridan Post

THOMAS J. A. FLETCHER,
Wadsworth Post, No. 3.
Co. E, 2d Wis. Cav.

JOSEPH H. SOUDANT,
Wadsworth Post, No. 3.
Co. D, 57 Mass. Inf.

ABRAHAM THOMAS,
Wadsworth Post, No. 3.
Co. A, 1st O. Cav.

H. J. HOPPE,
Farragut Post, No. 7.
Co. A, 2d Cal. Cav.

W. H. REDFIELD,
Farragut Post, No. 7.
Co. D, 40th Wis. Inf.

THOMAS GAULT,
Farragut Post, No. 7.
Co. A, 8th Mo. Inf.

JAMES E. FLETCHER,
Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11.
Co. I, 3d Wis. Inf.

General Orders.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Butte, Mont., April 10, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 1.

I. Having been elected and installed Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command and enter upon the duties of the office with profound appreciation of its responsibilities.

II. Officers of the Staff, this day appointed and mustered, are announced as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Ed S. Walker, Helena.

Assistant Q. M. General, Comrade Wm. A. Haven, Helena.

Inspector, Comrade Horatio S. Howell, Helena.

Judge Advocate, Comrade T. M. Pierce, Bozeman.

Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade J. D. Jenks, Butte.

III. Headquarters are hereby established at Helena. All official communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General.

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, April 12, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 2.

I. The 11th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Butte, April 9 and 10, elected the following comrades to the offices as designated:

Commander—Comrade Robert E. Fisk, of Helena.

Senior Vice Commander—Comrade Timothy O'Leary, of Anaconda.

Junior Vice Commander—Comrade Benj. F. Osborn, of Bozeman.

Medical Director—Comrade Levi E. Holmes, of Butte.

Chaplain—Comrade Geo. W. Jenkins, of Butte.

Council of Administration—Comrades H. F. Childs, of Frank Blair Post; H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post; Lyman Loring, of Nat. Lyons Post; Geo. T. Chambers, of Farragut Post; Robert M. Whitefoot, of Wm. English Post.

Delegates to the National Encampment — Comrade F. George Heldt, of Sheridan Post; Comrade Theo. H. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post. Alternates—Comrade O. F. Parmeter, of Custer Post; Comrade H. F. C. Kleinschmidt, of Wadsworth Post.

II. Post Commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades (one from each Post), for appointments as Aides de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; also names of comrades (one from each Post), for Assistant Inspectors. Such comrades should be selected as will devote the necessary attention to the duties for which they are recommended.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, April 16, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 3.

I. More than a quarter of a century, reinforced by the legislative authority of the United States, has given sanction to the observance of the 30th of May as Memorial Day, "to render special homage to the memory of comrades who answer to the roll call on earth no more."

With the passing years the beautiful and impressive custom of strewing flowers on the graves of those who have gone before, and holding appropriate services on the occasion, becomes a more solemn duty with those comrades who survive. It is well that not only the members of the Grand Army, but the patriotic people generally of the great nation which they fought for and saved, should honor the memory of the soldiers who died that the Republic, with all that it represents to humanity and civilization, might live.

II. Favorable attention is directed to the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief, that Post Commanders be requested to "interest the different schools in their various localities to hold patriotic services Friday afternoon preceding Memorial Day," and that all comrades be reminded that "memorial exercises should include attendance upon divine services in a body Sunday, May 26."

III. It is expected, as it has heretofore been approved and followed, that all auxiliary organizations, civil and military societies, public officials, citizens and school children be invited to participate with the Grand Army in the services of Memorial Day.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, April 17, 1895.

Special Order,
No. 1.

I. The Commander expects to be absent from the State for a period of some weeks. During such absence Senior Vice Commander T. O'Leary is called to the command of the Department, and will be obeyed and respected as Acting Commander until relieved by proper authority.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Office of the Senior Vice Commander.
Anaconda, Montana, May 1, 1895.

Special Order,
No. 2.

1st. To all Post Chaplains:

The National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Indianapolis, in 1893, made the following order, viz:

"Chaplains of Posts are directed to report to the Department Chaplain, on special blanks, the number of graves decorated on Memorial Day, and all matters of interest connected with the observance of the day."

2d. To all Post Surgeons:

Semi-annual reports are now required, viz: June 30 and December 31, from all Post Surgeons to the Medical Director, and from him to the Surgeon General.

The proper blanks have this day been sent by the A. Q. M. G. to the Adjutants or Quartermasters of each Post.

The Chaplain's report must be made out immediately after Memorial Day, and sent at once to George W. Jenkins, Department Chaplain, Butte.

The Surgeon's report must be made out immediately after the last meeting of the Posts in June and December, and sent at once to Dr. Levi E. Holmes, at Butte. By order of

TIMOTHY O'LEARY,
Senior Vice Commander,
Commanding Department.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, May 23, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 4.

I. Returning to the State after a month's absence, the undersigned resumes command of the Department, relieving Acting Commander O'Leary, whose faithful services are gratefully acknowledged.

II. The time for submitting reports of the Adjutants, Quartermasters and Surgeons of the several Posts of the Department for the first half year of 1895 is near at hand, and it is hoped and confidently expected that Post Commanders will be prompt in forwarding these returns to Department Headquarters. Do not wait the coming of June 30, but forward the reports called for immediately after the last Post meeting in June, together with the per capita tax for each member in good standing on the rolls of the Post. It is important that there be no delay in furnishing the required reports, in order that the consolidated report of the Assistant Adjutant General be mailed to National Headquarters within the time specified by the Rules and Regulations of the Order. In the absence of the Post Commander the Acting Commander may approve the reports and thus avoid delay.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, July 8, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 5.

I. The following named comrades, recommended by the several Post Commanders, are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

John Raley Lincoln Post, No. 2, Butte
A. T. Newbury Wadsworth Post, No. 3, Helena
Stephen Gainan Frank Blair Post, No. 6, Virginia City
Geo. W. Metcalf Farragut Post, No. 7, Livingston
Andrew J. Edsall Wm. English Post, No. 10, Bozeman
John J. Hallahan George G. Meade Post, No. 16, Anaconda
James Gibson Sheridan Post, No. 18, Great Falls
Frank Burgeon John C. Fremont Post, No. 21, Hamilton
James K. Pardee Burnside Post, No. 22, Phillipsburg
William J. Plume Nat Lyons Post, No. 23, Kalispell

II. The Commander, recognizing the efficient services and great good rendered the Grand Army by the order, earnestly recommends

to all Posts of the Department that have not the assistance of such a society, encourage organization of a Woman's Relief Corps. The benefits to Posts derived from auxiliary societies of this kind cannot be overestimated, and the hope is expressed that officers of Posts and comrades generally will give their countenance and support to the formation of Corps wherever in the Department they are not now established. Mrs. Frances E. Moore, Department President, is untiring in her efforts to extend the order and increase its usefulness, and she invites correspondence from all interested to the end that she and other members of the Department staff may be helpful in promoting the order.

III. Comrades are cautioned against possible imposition from one Edward L. DeHaven, whose final discharge is from Co. I, 11th Mich. vols. Said DeHaven is reported expelled from John C. Fremont Post, No. 21, Hamilton, for absconding with the funds of the Post.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, October 7, 1895.

General Orders,
No. 6.

I. Section 1, Chapter 5, Article V, Rules and Regulations, requires that the annual inspection of each Post, by the Department Inspector or other comrade assigned to such duty, shall be made between Sept. 1 and Dec. 20. In compliance herewith, the Commander announces the appointment of the following recommended Assistant Inspectors, who will proceed to inspect their respective Posts as soon as practicable after the receipt of these orders, and report immediately thereafter to H. S. Howell, Department Inspector, Helena, Montana.

Lincoln Post, No. 2, Perry H. Manchester.

Frank Blair Post, No. 6, Thomas P. Cox.

Farragut Post, No. 7, Geo. T. Chambers.

Wm. English Post, No. 10, J. M. Lindley.

Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 16, A. Short.

Sheridan Post, No. 18, C. E. Thayer.

John C. Fremont Post, No. 21, Milton Florida.

Burnside Post, No. 22, Wm. T. Allison.

Nat Lyons Post, No. 23, W. J. Sparks.

Wadsworth Post, No. 3, will be inspected by Inspector Howell.

II. Additional to appointments above named, and applying to Posts whose Commanders have not recommended comrades to act as

Assistant Inspectors, the Junior Vice Commanders are designated to perform the duties of Post inspection and report as Assistant Inspectors to Inspector Howell.

III. The Assistant Inspectors are instructed to at once notify their Post Commanders as to the date on which they will make the inspection in order that as extended notice as possible may be given to it.

IV. In the absence of the designated Inspector at the inspection date, the Post Commander is directed to have the inspection made by the best qualified comrade present, who will proceed as herein instructed.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, November 12, 1895.

General Orders,

No. 7.

The Rules and Regulations, Chapter III, Article II, provide that all Posts shall elect their officers for the ensuing year, and delegates and alternates to the Department Encampment, at the first stated meeting in December. The basis of representation, unchanged since 1889, is as follows:

"Each Post in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) representatives * * * and an additional representative in the ratio of one (1) for every fifty members in good standing, and one (1) for a

Such Posts as are in arrears for reports or dues are not entitled to representation in the Encampment. Commanders, Past Commanders and officers of the Department are members of the Department Encampment, and the several Posts, to secure the full representation to which they are entitled, should select other comrades than these.

II. The Assistant Quartermaster General, prior to the date of these orders, has dispatched to each Post in the Department a full complement of blanks. Immediately after the last Post meeting in December these blanks should be carefully filled out and reports forwarded, without delay, to Department Headquarters, together with the per capita tax, for the half year ending December 31, payable to W. A. Haven, A. Q. M. G., Helena, Montana.

With confident reliance upon the promptness of the several Posts, it is expected that each will respond with complete reports by December 25 at the latest, in order that the Department officers may consolidate and forward them to National Headquarters by December 31.

It was not in vain that the Posts were appealed to for their first half

yearly reports. Their early response was highly creditable and largely contributed to the enviable status attained by this Department at National Headquarters—the foremost place of all the Departments. Quick was the recognition of the good work performed, and the compliment paid to the Department is shared by every Post that helped to win the high honor.

“Permit me to congratulate you,” says Adjutant General Jones. “Yours is the first report for this term (first half year, 1895) received at these Headquarters. There has been a great strife in East, between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, as to which would be first, but for this term Montana takes the banner.”

Will not Post Commanders, Adjutants, Quartermasters and other officers assist in preserving this honorable record of the Department, and with not a single laurel lost, round out with splendor the Grand Army year of 1895? This can surely be accomplished if all Post officers promptly attend to completing and forwarding their respective reports in time to be received at these Headquarters before Christmas.

The persuasive language of a former Commander, whose administration first won the great honor the Department for a second time enjoys, is here used in words of final appeal: “Comrades, help us to make a record for Montana this year that can never be surpassed by other Departments.”

III. In previous orders comrades were designated to act as Assistant Inspectors, and to report at the earliest day practicable, to H. S. Howell, Inspector, Helena, Montana. It is hoped that no officer appointed to perform this duty will fail to discharge it faithfully and promptly report as directed.

IV. The Department Chaplain, Rev. George W. Jenkins, having changed his place of residence from Bute to Stevensville, Ravalli county, all Post Chaplains are advised to address their official communications to him at the latter place.

V. Comrades, let us, one and all, work earnestly and in harmony for the good of our order, greater and grander than any other, to the end of the year, and beyond to the time that will bring us again together, in larger numbers than ever before, it is hoped, at Department and National Encampments, another year.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, February 8, 1896.

General Orders,
No. 8.

I. The 12th Yearly Encampment of the Grand Army of the Re-

public, Department of Montana, will convene at Bozeman on Thursday, April 9, 1896, at the hour of 10:30 a. m. Sessions will follow through the day and evening and forward to the time that the Encampment declares the official business completed and the annual meeting closed.

II. The Commander, prior to the issuance of these orders, consulted, first, with Wm. English Post, No. 10, this year entertainer of the Department; second, with the members of the Council of Administration, as the Rules and Regulations prescribe, with the result that a unanimous agreement was reached as to the date of the Encampment, announced in paragraph I.

III. Assurances received from the local comrades—the hosts of the occasion—warrant the statement that ample accommodations, at reduced rates, will be provided, not only for all the Grand Army comrades who attend the Encampment, but for one and all of the membership of the Woman's Relief Corps—our auxiliary society, whose annual assemblage at Bozeman will be appointed for the same date.

IV. Seasonable arrangements will be made by the proper Department officer for special rates of transportation to and from the Encampment. It is expected that fares over the several railways within the Department will be granted on terms as favorable as any heretofore conceded the order on similar occasions. Future orders will announce the rate—probably one and one-fifth fare for the round trip.

V. It is important that Post Adjutants should ascertain at as early a day as practicable the number of comrades, members of auxiliary societies and friends who purpose to be present at the Encampment, and report the same to the Assistant Adjutant General, Ed S. Walker, Helena.

VI. There is particular incentive to a large attendance of the comrades at the Encampment—this 12th Annual Reunion of the veterans of our widely separated membership. Every year more and more swells the number of comrades who are called away, and the time is not far off when the final assemblage of the war-soldiers of '61-5 will come. Not so great a throng of comrades as that of 1896 will probably ever meet again in the Department of Montana. Their will be a cordial, hearty, fraternizing welcome at Bozeman—a hospitable and long-to-be remembered greeting—a red letter event in the history of the Grand Army in this commonwealth. The comrades realize that none others in the broad land stand higher in their country's consecrated order and that every individual member shares in the honorable prestige which his Department has won. "Montana at the head of the Departments" is the proud record inscribed at National Headquarters. For a second time the present year the Adjutant General concedes this high honor to the Department of Montana—a foremost place only once before attained since the formation of the order in this State. With rejoicing hearts the

Montana comrades will gather together and celebrate the honors that are justly theirs. The Commander congratulates the Executive Staff, the Commanders and other officers of Posts, and all contributing agencies of the Department organization, that the Grand Army of Montana holds fast to the first place and that there is no disposition anywhere shown to let go. Let us all meet and grasp hands on the 9th of April at Bozeman.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, February 20, 1896.

Special Order,
No. 3.

I. Leave of absence is hereby granted to William A. Haven, Assistant Quartermaster General, until the last of March, 1896:

II. Comrade Henry T. Bevan is hereby appointed Acting Assistant Quartermaster General during the absence of Comrade Haven.

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Helena, Montana, March 4, 1896.

General Orders,
No. 9.

I. As announced in General Orders No. 8, the 12th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army, Department of Montana, will be held at Bozeman, commencing on Thursday, April 9, 1896, at the hour of 10:30 a. m.

II. The Commander of William English Post, No. 10, is hereby instructed to detail comrades for Encampment duty—one for Officer of the Day, one for Officer of the Guard, and the necessary number for sentinel and other duty. The Officer of the Day, with this detail (all in full Grand Army uniform and properly armed and equipped), will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at the hall provided for the use of the Encampment at 9:30 o'clock on the morning of Thursday, April 9.

III. The meeting of the Council of Administration will be prior to the hour of the assembling of the Encampment.

Department Headquarters at Helena will be closed April 9 to 11, inclusive.

IV. Relating to transportation, the following is for the information of comrades, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and all others interested:

From Chas. S. Fee, G. P. & T. A. N. P. R. R., St. Paul, to A. D. Edgar, General Agent, Helena: "You may advise the gentleman (A. Q. M. G. Haven) making application for reduced rates, that for the 12th Annual Encampment, Montana Department, G. A. R., and Woman's Relief Corps, to be held at Bozeman, Mont., April 9 to 11 inclusive we will make rate of one fare and one-fifth on certificate plan, subject to a total attendance of 50 or more, who pay full fare going, not more than three days prior to the opening date. You will please advise him that we shall look to him to see that all are properly instructed as to the method of procedure to obtain the reduction, as we will not hold ourselves responsible for the failure of those attending to secure the reduced rate. Certificates will be honored up to one day after the close of the meeting."

From A. D. Edgar, General Agent N. P. R. R., Helena: "You will please note that this applies from all points on the lines of the Northern Pacific railroad in Montana to Bozeman and return. Be sure to have all parties attending the meetings understand that if they fail to comply with the conditions imposed by Mr. Fee that they will have no redress. Persons along the lines of the Northern Pacific R. R. should purchase one way tickets to Bozeman, asking agent to give receipt for ticket, which will be done. This receipt, when presented to N. P. Agent at Bozeman, together with certificate signed by Ed S. Walker, A. A. G., that holder has been in attendance at meetings of G. A. R. or Woman's Relief Corps, will be authority to that agent to sell a ticket to original starting point (on Northern Pacific R. R.) at one-fifth the regular fare, provided there have been fifty (50) or more people in attendance at said meeting who have paid full fare going to Bozeman."

Comrades and others starting from points on the Great Northern R. R. (via Helena) must purchase tickets to Helena, taking a receipt from agent at place of purchase; they must also purchase tickets from Helena to Bozeman, taking receipts as before, and both receipts must be signed by the A. A. G. at Bozeman to entitle the holder to the one-fifth rate on return. Those who travel over the lines of the Union Pacific, the B., A. & P., or the Montana Union, must in like manner purchase tickets to Butte, taking receipt therefor, and then, purchasing tickets from Butte to Bozeman, take receipt for them.

In order to give the Assistant Adjutant General ample time to ascertain whether fifty or more persons attending the Encampment and Convention have paid full fare one way, thus entitling them to the one-fifth rate back, all persons so attending are requested to hand their receipts for tickets to that officer on the first day of the meetings, or as soon as they arrive at Bozeman.

V. The Commander indulges the hope that many comrades will attend the Encampment, assured as they are of a most hospitable

reception from the comrades and citizens generally of Bozeman. The National Staff will be represented by Chaplain-in-Chief Iliff, one of the grandest of Grand Army comrades the country knows, and the presence of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cosgrove, whose residence is not distant from us, and to whom a pressing invitation has been extended, is reasonably expected. Let us assemble, comrades, in as full numbers as possible at the beautiful county seat of Gallatin, and renew once more on Appomattox day those fraternal greetings that bind us heart and hand to one another and to an increasing fellowship that death alone can sever.

By command of

ROBERT E. FISK,
Commander.

ED S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

John Buford Post, No. 1—Fort Custer. (Disbanded.)

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Abbott, Chas	Sergeant	G	2d U S Cavalry	
Alexander, James	Corporal	D	10th N Y Cavalry	
Baker, Joseph	Private	A	91st Penn Infantry	
Banning, James	Private	L	4th U S Cavalry	
Barnett, Philip	Private	D	1st Nev Cavalry	
Berth, Hugo B.	Sergeant	D	176th N Y Infantry	
Birch, James	Private	3	N J Light Battalion	
Bishop, Richard	Private	L	5th N J Vet Vols.	
Blakebourne, A. W.	Private	D	24th Ind Infantry	
Boothe, Wm.	Sergeant	G	1st N J Cavalry	
Border, Geo P.	Private	C	121st N Y Infantry	
Boutelle, Frazer A.	Captain	A	5th N Y Cavalry	
Bowers G L.	Private	M	1st Md Cavalry	
Braun, Andrew	Private	I	43d N Y Infantry	
Brigham, Lucien	Private	C	4th Mich Infantry	
Brunner, Chas	Private	B	162d N Y Infantry	
Burke Levi	2d Sergeant	D	12th U S Infantry	
Byrne, Dennis	Sergeant	G	5th U S Infantry	
Barkley, Wm	Private	I	52d Ohio Infantry	
Brieve, Albert	Seaman		Flag Ship Phula	
Barnes, Frances	Private	A	11th R I H A.	
Bailey, J H	Private	A	4th U S Infantry	
Barnett, Daniel	Private	A	3d Mo Cavalry	
Bonds, Samuel	Private	F	91st U S Cavalry	
Boughton, John	Private	B	1st U S Col.	
Cahill, John	Private	D	U S Eng Corps	
Chamberlin, James	Private	D	33d Illinois Infantry	
Connor, Andrew	Private	A	16th U S Infantry	
Connor, Thomas W.	Private	I	1st Minn Infantry	
Connors, John	Sergeant	E	13th U S Infantry	May 3, '87..
Cook, Geo	Sergeant	E	48th N Y Infantry	
Cook, L W	Private	H	27th Wis Infantry	
Crum, Richard	Private	C	2d N Y Cavalry	
Cunningham, Thomas	Private	F	5th N Y H Art.	
Cummings, John	Landsman		U S U Fairy	
Cummings, R W	2d Lieut	K	35th Ind.	
Dalton, Thos.	Private	C	3d U S Infantry	
Davis, James M	Corporal	B	30th Ill Infantry	Dec. 9, '85..
Dugal, James	Musician	D	1st U S Cavalry	
Farrell, Robert H.	Landsman		U S S Brown	
Finnegan, Patrick	Private	C	2d U S Cavalry	
Fisher, Samuel K.	Private	H	12th Iowa Infantry	
Fisher, Ed G.	Landsman		U S Passaic	
Fisher, Geo.	Sergeant	E	3d U S Art.	
Fisher, Wm	Landsman		U S S Aphoxdite	
Fitzgerald, Patrick	Private	K	12th Ill Infantry	
Flemming, John	Private	K	88th Penn Infantry	
Frederick, Henry	Seaman		U S S Louisville	
Freeman, Henry	Private	E	3d U S Infantry	
Foss, Theowald	Private	D	7th N H	
Furgeson, James	Sergeant	A	1st Mich H A.	
Garretty, Frank D.	1st Lieut.	G	15th Ky Infantry	
Glessner, Philip	Private	E	3d N Y Cavalry	
Granneck-stadten John	Private	F	31st N Y Infantry	
Hallaghan John	Private	G	162d N Y Infantry	
Hanson Christian	Corporal	D	14th N Y Cavalry	
Hard, Henry C	Private	F	7th Ind Infantry	
Harris, Moses	Sergeant	G	1st U S Cavalry	
Heims, Benjamin	Private	E	4th Ohio Cavalry	
Hennecke, Heinrich	Private	K	11st N Y Infantry	
Henry, Wm	Fireman		U S S Suwanee	
Irwin, Wm	Sergeant	C	U S Cavalry	
Jackson, James	Private	C	1st U S Infantry	
Jackson, Thomas	Private	H	11th Conn Infantry	
Jones, John W	Private	F	1st Tenn Reserve	
Johnson, Joshua	Private	H	4th U S Col.	
Kennedy, Thomas	Private	K	1st Md Cavalry	
Koenig, Godfrey	Private	I	1st N Y Cavalry	
Kelley, John	Private		Pearsons Bat.	
Kimmick, Joseph	Private	D	7th Kan Cavalry	
Lane, Daniel F	Private	H	2d D C Infantry	
Lant, Frederick	Corporal	C	178th N Y Infantry	

John Buford Post, No. 1, Ft. Custer.—Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Leahey, Nicholas	Private	D	9th Me Infantry	
Leibe, Adolph	Private	E	3d N Y Infantry	
Lellbach, Christian	Private	K	N Y Cavalry	
Lemaire, John	Musician	B	176th N Y Infantry	
Lindsay, Albert	Bugler	B	17th Ill Cavalry	
Lutz, Frederick	Private	II	15th N Y Cavalry	
Macomber, J. H.	Captain	C	1st Vt H Art.	
Maginness, J. W.	Corporal	II	164th N Y Infantry	
Mawson, L. G.	Private	M	6th N Y H Art.	
Merriman, G. W. W.	Sergeant	G	1st U S Cavalry	
Mersch, Andrew	Private	C	23d Wis Infantry	
McCanna, Patrick	Private	K	183d Penn Infantry	
McCormick, John	Corporal	II	10th U S Infantry	
McFall, David H.	2d Lieut	G	7th Iowa Infantry	
McFarland, G. W.	Private	A	124th Penn Infantry	
Miller, Louis D.	Landsman		U S S Brooklyn	
McGuire, Patrick	Private	G	1st Va Infantry	
McIntyre Christopher	Private	A	65th Ill Infantry	
Mills, John W.	Private	K	1st Kansas Infantry	
Minon, Girard	Private	M	2d Mo Lt Art.	June 9, '84
Moore, John G.	Private	M	1st Ala Cav	
Moran, John	Private	D	3d Cal Infantry	
Morse, Elmer H.		I	6th Cal Infantry	
Mulligan, Wm J.	Landsman		U S S N Carolina	
Olsen, Christopher	Private	F	5th U S Cavalry	
Osterday, Gottlieb	Private	E	1st N J Infantry	
Pennington, James	Private	F	78th Penn Infantry	
Powers, James	Corporal	K	5th U S Infantry	
Powers, Thomas	Private	II	149th N Y Infantry	
Price, Curtis E.	Surgeon		12th Tenn Cavalry	
Pryor, Geo.	Musician	A	1st N O Infantry	
Quinn, Jeremiah	Private	K	5th U S Cavalry	
Reiley, James	Bugler	D	5th U S Cavalry	
Reynolds, Chas.	Musician	F	14th U S Infantry	
Reynolds, Wm H.	Private	M	1st U S Art.	
Reinhart, Joseph	Musician	B	13th U S Infantry	
Rice, David	Private	A	21st N J Infantry	
Rouse, James	Private	C	11th Ill Infantry	
Rowe, James F.	Captain	D	33d Mass Infantry	
Ruper, Cornelius D.	Corporal	F	1st Penn Art.	
Rush, Peter	Private		192d Penn Art.	
Ryan, James	Private	I	1st U S Cavalry	
Schwarzmaier, Chas M.	Musician	M	3d Mich Cavalry	
Segar, Samuel	Private	C	23d Penn Infantry	
Shannon, Martin	Sergeant	C	5th U S Cavalry	
Shattuck, Wm.	Sergeant	B	27th N Y Infantry	
Shulte, John G.	Private	A	5th U S Art.	
Smith, Jason	Private	A	9th Vt Infantry	
Snyder, James A.	Lieut		3d U S Infantry	
Stram, John	Private	K	29th Mich Infantry	
Sullivan, J. H. B.	Private		1st L J Infantry	
Sullivan, John	Private	M	3d U S Art.	
Sweeny, Geo W.	Private	B	2d D C Infantry	
Tooker, G. L.	Corporal	G	10th N Y Infantry	
Trotter, Peter	Private	H	182d Ohio Infantry	
Troxel, Thos G.	Sergeant	E	25th Iowa Infantry	
Upham, F. K.	Lieut	B	7th Cal Infantry	
Van Scoy, Wm.	Private	F	3d Ohio Cavalry	
Von Platten, Hans	Sergeant	C	75th N Y Infantry	
Wagner, Augustus	Private	G	58th Ohio Infantry	
Walker, E. M.	Musician	B	11th Ill Infantry	
Wallace, Thos	Private	H	9th N Y Infantry	
Ward, James	Fireman		U S S Queen	
Weir, Hugh	Private	C	183d Penn Infantry	
Wesendorff, Max	1st Lieut	C	1st W T Infantry	
Whelan, James (1)	Seaman		U S S Seneca	
Whelan, James (2)	Corporal	C	9th U S Infantry	
Wilkins, Henry	Lieut	A	1st D C Cavalry	
Wilkinson, W. C.	Captain	F	23d N Y Infantry	
Zwisler, Joseph	Private	D	3d Ohio Art.	

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Arnold, Ed M.	Private.	C	2d Minn. Infantry	
Alderman, E M.	Private.	A	30th Ind. Infantry	
Almon, S H.	Major.		31st Ill. Infantry	
Bechtel, John.	1st Sergt.	E	26th Ohio Infantry	
Baker, W H.	Private.	G	156th Ill. Infantry.	
Benson, Bennett B.	Onidia.	F	6th Minn. Infantry.	
Bowen, Wm.		D	1st Nevada	
Boyle, Thos.	Private.	C	48th Penn. Infantry.	
Beebe, Byrum N.	Private.	D	12th Kansas Infantry.	
Bowditch, John D.	Private.	D	4th N. Y. Heavy Art.	
Bateman, Frank.	Corporal.	H	5th Minn. Infantry.	
Barrett, Frank M.	Private.		9th Ohio Bat.	
Bradshaw, C G.	Capt. Cavalry.			
Benton, Wm.	Private.	A	20th N. Y. Cavalry	
Biddle, Andrew.	2d Lieutenant.	E	1st Del. Cavalry.	June 13,....
Brown, J N D.	Private.	E	Ariz. Light Artillery.	
Benton, Albert A.	Sergeant.	H	13th U. S. Regulars	
Beelingsey, Chas.	Private.	B	8th Iowa Infantry.	
Baker, Thos.	2d Lieut.	F	15th W. Virginia	
Black, W H.	2d Lieut.	G	2d U. S. Infantry	
Baker, J A.	Private.	C	18th Penn. Infantry.	
Cooper, C.	Private.	D	18th Wis Infantry	
Corkwell, James.	Private.	C	1st Iowa Cavalry.	
Comstock, S C.				
Cummings, John.				
Carr, Robett.	Corporal.	I	20th Penn. Infantry	
Cameron, Daniel.	Private.	A	9th Minn. Infantry.	April 17, '88
Carlyle, Eli J.	Private.	B	15th Ill. Cavalry.	
Coughlin, Dan.	Private.	F	184th N. Y. Infantry.	
Chamberlin, M J.	Private.	G	114th N. H.	
Catlin, M D.	Private.	H	3rd N. Y. Infantry.	
Charles, David J, Jr.	Private.		U. S. Gunboat Octarra.	
Cramer, John J.	Private.	A	20th Ohio Infantry.	
Dolman, Peter R.	Lieut. Col.		76th Mo. Infantry.	
Dond, James E.	Private.		26th N. Y. Infantry	
Devlin, John.		E	28th Mass Infantry	
Dwyer, James.	Corporal.	E	21st Iowa Infantry.	
Demmit, Newell.	Private.	K	121st N. Y. Infantry	
Donahay, A P.				
Douglas, John.	Private.	A	103d Ill. Infantry.	
Derringer, Andrew.	Private.	E	73d Penn. Infantry	
Deorise, Simon.		E	2d Cal. Cavalry.	
Doran, James.		F	14th Mo. Infantry	
Engle, Gilbert.	Private.	A	61st N. Y. Infantry	
Eacrat, Wm R.		E	79th Ind. Infantry.	
Forbis, Alonzo M.	Private.	D	Ind. Infantry	
Fox, Patrick.	Sergeant.	M	5th U. S. Cavalry	
Forst, C C.	1st Lieut.	B	11th Me. Infantry	
Farlin, Geo W.	Private.	D	15th Iowa Infantry.	
Foltz, David.	Private.	A	13th Ohio Infantry.	June 28, '93.
Fisher, John J.	Corporal.	I	22d Mich. Infantry.	
Griffith, Jerimiah.	Private.	F	48th Penn. Infantry.	
Gilligham, Henry.	Private.	B	1st Colo. Cavalry	
Glover, John B.	Corporal.	C	194th Penn. Infantry.	
Gleason, Michael.	Private.	H	164th N. Y. Infantry.	
Holmes, Levi E.	2d Lieut.	I	2d Engineers	
Howe, Wm H.	Private.	D	1st Minn Infantry	
Hanswuth, Simon.	Private.	C	35th Wis. Infantry.	
Hassinger, J H.	1st Lieut.	B	Penn Batt	Nov. 3, '87.
Hutchinson, H M.	Private.	B	17th Ill. Infantry.	
Hoge, G B.	Corporal.		113th Ill. Infantry.	
Harder, Ira J.	Private.	A	1st Nev. Cavalry.	
Ham, Charles A.	Private.	H	4th Mo. Infantry	
Hussleton, Wm.	Private.	C	12th Mass. Infantry.	
Hoist, John S.	Private.	I	93d Penn. Infantry	
Hennebery, Garrett.		II	69th Ill. Infantry	
Huston, R G.		I	166th Ohio Infantry.	
Henderson, Thos J.		A	13th Mo. Cavalry.	
Hirsch, Ferdinand.		C	6th Ind Batt	

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte--Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Hart, Christian H.		I	7th Minn. Infantry	Feb. 1, '87.
Humphrey, Jones H.		E	1st La. Cavalry	
Heistand, Wm H.		K	60th N. Y. Infantry	
Hukey, Michael		G	185th N. Y. Infantry	
Holmes, J. Watson		B	86th Ill. Infantry	
Ham, N. H.		II	4th Mo. Infantry	
Horn, Charles A.	Private.	I	12th Me. Volunteers	
Howe, Chas W.	Private.	K	23d Ill. Infantry	Sept. 11, '80
Jackson, Jacob H.	Sergeant	B	15th Ill. Infantry	
Jones, Wesley W.	Captain		1st Iowa Cavalry	
Jenks, J. D.	Brevet Col.	D	13th Me. Infantry	
Jones, John C.	Musician.	M	2d Iowa Cavalry	
Knight, S. K.	Private.		104th Penn. Cavalry	
Kessler, Harry C.	1st Lieut.	G	3rd Ohio Cavalry	
Kriter, Phillip	Private.	C	58th N. Y. Infantry	
Kallbacker, Chas.	1st Sergt.	A	8th Iowa Cavalry	
Keer, Hiram J.	Corporal.	B	33d Ill. Infantry	
Killman, James.	Private.	A	1st N. Y. Artillery	
Lockley, Fredrick	1st Lieut.	I	90th Illinois Infantry	
Long, Thos.	Sergeant.	B	87th Ind. Infantry	
Lamborn, Josiah	Private.	A		
Lehman, Albert S.	Private.	A	1st Nev. Infantry	
McIntosh, L. D.	Private.	H	1st Ky. Infantry	
Mallery, Edward	Private.			
McBrown, Wm.	Ord. Seaman	A	20th Wis. Infantry	
McLaughlin, E.	Corporal.	A	16th Me. Infantry	
Moore, N. H.	Private.	K	6th Me. Infantry	
McGovern, John	Private.	G	3d N. J. Cavalry	
McGloin, Edward	Private.	E	9th Me. Infantry	June, 1880.
Morrill, Chas.	Private		32d Ill. Infantry	
Madden, John	Sergt Major	E	2d Colo. Cavalry	
Meyer, John				
McDonough, Pat.	Private.	I	78th Ohio Infantry	
Mahoney, Pat.		K	169th Penn. Infantry	
McKenzie, John P.	Corporal.	D	Bat. U. S. Artillery	
McGuire, John A.	Private			
McIntyre, John H.	Sergeant.	C	20th Mich. Infantry	
Morris, John W.		I	46th Penn. Infantry	Mar. 28, '93
Manchester, P. H.	Private.	G	52d Ill. Cavalry	
Moore, Lymon.	Private.			
McMahon, Pat.	Private.	H	2d U. S. Veterans	
McBratnev, W. C.		L	50th Reg. Engineers	
Neal, Josiah	Private.	G	138th Ill. Infantry	
Newell, David.	Artificer	K	57th Ill. Infantry	
Ott, George K.	Sergeant.	A	4th W. Virginia Infantry	
O'Brine, Michael	Sergeant.	G	102d N. Y. Infantry	
Powell, John	Private.		3d Wis. Infantry	
Powers, Thomas	Private.	A		
Preston, Nathaniel	Private.			
Pave, E. F.	1st Lieut.			
Penn, Jonathan	Private.	B	1st Iowa Cavalry	
Patterson, John	Private	II	4th Penn. Cavalry	
Parkman, R. F.	Private.	B	7th Me. Infantry	
Page, D. F.	Private.	D	2d Me. Infantry	
Rafferty, Thos.	Private.	B	2d Mass. Infantry	
Railey, John	Private.	K	77th Ill. Infantry	No date....
Richardson, T. H.	Private.	G	54th Ohio Infantry	
Rockeback, W. P.	Private.	M	13th Iowa Infantry	
Rutter, Thos. H.	Farrier.	C	1st N. Y. Cavalry	
Roger, Stephen H.	Private.	H	64th N. Y. Infantry	
Rickers, Gilbert B.	Corporal.	G	2d Cal. Cavalry	
Ravey, John	Private.	I	2d Vt. Infantry	
Russell, L. D.	Private.	F	5th Me. Infantry	
Shoemaker, Chas S.	Corporal.	H	15th N. Y. Artillery	Dec. 4, '85..
Stevens, Wm	Private.	C	52d Ill. Infantry	
Spirling, James H.	1st Lieut.	C	53d N. Y. Infantry	
Sowden, Wm	Corporal.	F	31st Wis. Infantry	
Scott, David		E	6th Cal. Infantry	
Scott, John B.	Order. Sergt.		28th Penn. Infantry	

Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte--Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Smith, S G.....	1st Lieut.....	A	124th Penn. Infantry....	March, 1891
Shultz, Stephen.....	Private.....	B	Mo. Infantry.....	
Shusten, Thos.....	.....	.....	.....
Stackpole, Henry H.....	Private.....	K	7th Kansas Cavalry.....	
Shanbon, Levi.....	Private.....	A	52d Ill. Infantry.....	
Shaw, Joseph H.....	Private.....	A	12th Ind. Cavalry.....	
Sinsell, Wm F.....	Private.....	C	178th N. Y. Infantry.....	
Scobee, James D.....	Private.....	M	2d Mo. Cavalry.....	
Stride, James.....	Private.....	E	210th Penn. Infantry.....	
Stewart, Chas.....	Sergeant.....	E	1st Kansas Infantry.....	
Sephton, Thos.....	No date...
Sullivan, Pat.....	Private.....	I	127th N. Y. Infantry.....	
Syms, Benjamin.....	Private.....	D	83d U. S. C. F.....	
Sharp, Morris.....	Private.....	E	116th Penn. Infantry.....	
Stewart, Wm.....	Ord. Seaman.....	.....	Brooklyn, Navy Yard.....
Stickney, Chas W.....	Private.....	B	1st Ill. Artillery.....	
Spitter, John.....	Private.....	H	11th Ill. Volunteers.....	
Thornton, Owens.....	Coal Heaver.....	.....	.....
Turrell, Geo W.....	Private.....	C	3d Cal. Cavalry.....	
Thompson, Lewis S.....	Private.....	D	20th Ill. Infantry.....	
Warren, Chas S.....	Ord. Sergt.....	C	147th Ill. Infantry.....	May 6, '93.
Wyman, Luther F.....	Captain.....	A	2d Mass. Infantry.....	Aug. 6, '92.
Williams, W W.....	.....	A	2d Mo. Bat.....
Wallace, Robert B.....	Sergeant.....	A	.....
Wells, S E.....	Com. Sergt.....	K	23d Ill. Infantry.....	
Waters, James.....	Private.....	E	1st R. I. Bat.....	
Wagner, Henry.....	Private.....	H	2d Ill. Artillery.....	
Whitlock, David B.....	Private.....	K	6th Reg. N. Y. H. Art..	
White, Albert C.....	Private.....	C	1st Nev. Cavalry.....	
Wolf, John.....	Private.....	A	3d Mo. Infantry.....	
York, Joseph J.....	Private.....	E	2d Minn. Cavalry.....	
Yeldell, Robert C.....	Private.....	B	50th Ill. Infantry.....	1888.....
Zillman, Christopher.....	Private.....	I	1st Wis. Cavalry.....	

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Albrecht, Chas.....	2d Lieut.....	E	9th Mo Cavalry.....	Nov 12, '90.
Armor, W H.....	1st Lieut.....	A	51st Mo Infantry.....	June 17, '84.
Bassett, Cassius M.....	Private.....	K	43d M Infantry.....	Sept. 18, '93
Beary, L D.....	Sergeant.....	I	2d N Y Artillery.....	
Bender, Wm.....	Private.....	K	1st Md Infantry.....	
Booth, Franklin.....	Private.....	I	42d Ind Infantry.....	
Bevan, Henry T.....	Corporal.....	G	27th Ind Infantry.....	
Bird, Wm H.....	Private.....	C	2d Cal Cavalry.....	
Blaisdeli, Hiram M.....	Private.....	A	12th Illinois Cavalry.....	
Bourne, Stephen.....	Private.....	B	8th Mo Infantry.....	
Botsford, Jas H.....	Private.....	A	10th Mich Infantry.....	
Bradford, Hosea.....	Private.....	K	1st Vt Infantry.....	
Bradnard, Barton F.....	Private.....	H	13th N Y Cavalry.....	Jan. 6, '92..
Brayerton, Mark.....	Private.....	G	26th Ind Infantry.....	
Brown, Augustus L.....	Private.....	M	1st Minn Heavy Art.....	
Brown, John B.....	Musician.....	G	40th Ohio Infantry.....	
Brown, Robert.....	Landsman.....	.....	U S S Princeton.....
Buck, Daniel W.....	Captain.....	E	8th Illinois Cavalry.....	
Bushnell, Wm H.....	Sergeant.....	C	9th Illinois Cavalry.....	
Butler, Alex.....	Private.....	B	10th Kansas Infantry.....	
Carsley, Geo A.....	Sergeant.....	D	7th Minn Infantry.....	
Cauby, Milton.....	Private.....	D	1st Mo Cavalry.....	
Craig, Richard.....	Private.....	H	1st N Y Artillery.....	Nov. 13, '87
Cramer, Joseph C.....	Private.....	I	130th Pa Infantry.....	
Crowell, Joseph W.....	Sergeant.....	D	2d Neb Cavalry.....	
Crump, James.....	Private.....	.....	4th Kansas Battery.....
Curaby, Patrick.....	Private.....	.....	U S Ord Corps.....

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena--Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Davis, Lewis.....	Private.....	.....	15th Me Infantry.....	
DeWitt, Chas A.....	Corporal.....	D	17th Me Infantry.....	Jan, 1887...
Dedrick, Prince.....	Corporal.....	H	83d U S Colored Inf.....	
Deegan, Ross.....	Captain.....	A	162d New York.....	Jan. 31, '90.
Dial, Friend.....	Private.....	E	4th Ohio Infantry.....	
Donaldson, J P.....	Private.....	A	32d Ohio Infantry.....	
Donnelly, Hugh S.....	Private.....	I	112th Pa Infantry.....	
Dunges, Charles.....	Private.....	B	1st Colo Cavalry.....	
Dunn, James.....	Private.....	B	2d Mass Cavalry.....	
Edwards Eugene F.....	Private.....	F	4th Mo Cavalry.....	
Fishel, S K.....	Private.....	H	12th Iowa Infantry.....	
Fisk, Andrew J.....	Private.....	A	2d Minn Cavalry.....	
Fisk, Van H.....	Private.....	I	1st Minn Infantry.....	Apl 19, '90.
Fisk, Daniel W.....	Captain.....	G	132d N Y Infantry.....	
Fisk, Robert E.....	Captain.....	G	132d N Y Infantry.....	
Fleischauer, C W.....	Private.....	G	1st Wis Artillery.....	
Fletcher, Thos J A.....	Private.....	E	2d Wis Cavalry.....	May 3, '95..
Flemming, John.....	Private.....	K	88th Pa Infantry.....	
Fuller, T P.....	Captain.....	A	93d N Y Infantry.....	
Fuller, J S.....	Private.....	H	6th N Y Heavy Art.....	Aug. 18, '95
Gage, Chas F.....	Capt. Bvt. Maj.....	.....	11th N J Infantry.....	
Gillan, Patrick.....	Private.....	P	Independent Minn Cav.....	
Grant, James S.....	Sergeant.....	H	50th Mass Infantry.....	May, 1862..
Gray, Thomas C.....	Private.....	A	9th Iowa Infantry.....	
Green, Geo.....	Private.....	F	52d N Y Infantry.....	
Hall, Isaac A.....	Private.....	D	95th N Y Infantry.....	
Hand, Chas.....	Private.....	E	24th Ohio Infantry.....	
Harvey, Harry H.....	Corporal.....	E	138th Ohio Infantry.....	
Hanratty, Michael.....	Private.....	A	42d N Y Infantry.....	
Hapleton, George.....	Seaman.....	.....	U S Navy.....	
Hartzell, Adam C.....	Private.....	D	13th Illinois Infantry.....	
Hathaway, James.....	Private.....	E	105th Ohio Infantry.....	
Haven, Wm A.....	2d Lieut.....	K	16th N H Infantry.....	
Helmer, Benjamin.....	Private.....	E	4th Ohio Cavalry.....	
Henry, Patrick.....	Private.....	F	18th Penn Cavalry.....	
Hilman, John R.....	Captain.....	C	42d Ohio Infantry.....	
Hinds, Orange S.....	Private.....	C	129th Ind Infantry.....	
Hoback, Richard.....	Sergeant.....	H	2d Minn Cavalry.....	July 16, '96.
Hoepfner, Charles.....	Private.....	C	20th Iowa Infantry.....	
Hogan, James.....	Corporal.....	E	6th Ind Cavalry.....	
Holmes, Henry C.....	Sergeant.....	M	2d Wis Cavalry.....	
Horn, Chas.....	Private.....	A	1st Mo Light Art.....	
Howard, C L.....	Private.....	K	11th Mich Infantry.....	
Humphrey, Wm W.....	Corporal.....	F	188th N Y Infantry.....	
Huntley, Silas S.....	1st Lieut.....	L	37th N Y Infantry.....	
Jacobi, Franz.....	Private.....	E	9th Wis Infantry.....	
Jeffries, John T.....	Seaman.....	.....	N Atlantic B Squadron.....	Oct. 24, '91.
Jones, John W.....	Private.....	C	31st Wis Infantry.....	
Kamber, Cassimer.....	Private.....	M	8th N Y Cavalry.....	
Kellogg, Enos L.....	Private.....	K	4th Mich Infantry.....	
Kellogg, Albert S.....	Corporal.....	H	25th Mich Infantry.....	
King, Fred L.....	Private.....	M	1st Cal Cavalry.....	July 4, '92..
Kinslev, Jos W.....	Private.....	A	16th Mass Infantry.....	
Kimball, Amander.....	Private.....	G	8th Iowa Cavalry.....	
Kleinschmidt, H F C.....	Private.....	A	3d Mo Infantry.....	
Kleinschmidt, R H.....	Private.....	I	5th Mo Militia.....	
Kleinschmidt, T H.....	Private.....	A	3d Mo Infantry.....	
Kobstrup, Neils J S.....	Private.....	I	103d N Y Infantry.....	
Knobb, Eli.....	Private.....	E	188th Ohio Infantry.....	
LaSalle, Adolph.....	Bugler.....	B	9th Illinois Cavalry.....	
LaSalle, Godfrey.....	Sergeant.....	B	9th Illinois Cavalry.....	
Linn, John.....	Sergeant.....	I	2d Illinois Artillery.....	
Lindley, Chas C.....	Private.....	K	22d Wis Infantry.....	
Loomis, James B.....	Captain.....	M	7th Mich Cavalry.....	
Luppold, Wm.....	Private.....	F	2d Iowa Cavalry.....	
McIrwin, John.....	Private.....	A	1st Kansas Infantry.....	
McGarvey, Joseph.....	Private.....	D	1st Colo Cavalry.....	
McKenzie, James.....	Color Sergt.....	B	18th U S Infantry.....	
McLaughlin, James M.....	Private.....	E	4th Penn Cavalry.....	

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena--Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Maginnis, Martin	Major.	.....	1st Minn Infantry	
Malben, Benjamin	1st Sergt.	B	5th N Y Cavalry	
Major, John C.	Colonel	.....	43d Ind Infantry	
Mannix, Philip A.	2d Lieut.	F	1st Conn Heavy Art.	
Manuel, Fred	Private	I	10th Minn Infantry	
Melugin, Amos W.	Private	F	27th Iowa Infantry	
Mathews, Thaddens L.	Private	E	9th Minn Infantry	
Miles, Daniel L.	Private	I	2d N Y Heavy Art.	
Miller, C B.	Asst. Surgeon.	.....	7th Ind Infantry	
Miller, Henry A.	Private	A	12th Iowa Infantry	
Miller, R W V.	Private	II	5th U S Vet Volunteers.	
Mills, James H.	Captain	G	11th Penn Infantry	
Mills, Rosil	Private	F	3d Iowa Infantry	
Mitchell, Chas.	Private	F	2d La Cavalry	
Moffit, John	1st Lieut.	B	2d Kansas Infantry	
Morgan, Walter R.	Corporal	B	19th Illinois Infantry	
Morris, John	Private	F	185th N Y Infantry	
Morris, John	Sergeant	G	149th Penn Infantry	
Mueller, Otto	Private	D	132d N Y Infantry	
Murphy, John	Private	D	4th Cal Infantry	
Newbury, Abel T.	Private	I	79th Ohio Infantry	
Newbury, C B.	1st Class Boy	.....	Miss Squadron	
Newbury, J B.	Sergeant	I	79th Ohio Infantry	
Nichols, Cyvetus	Private	F	22d Vet Res Corps	
O'Connor, Thomas	Private	D	1st Wis Cavalry	
Olsen, Ingbreth	Private	L	2d Minn Battery	
Page, James M.	Sergeant	A	6th Mich Cavalry	
Payne, Hiram M.	Sergeant	E	23d N Y Infantry	
Pingree, Geo	Captain	G	11th N H Volunteers	
Piatt, Geo H.	Private	F	6th Illinois Cavalry	
Pickle, John E.	Private	B	Hatch's Bat Minn Cav.	
Potter, John	Private	F	53d Illinois Infantry	
Potter, Wm M.	Private	G	1st Minn Infantry	
Potts, Benj F.	Bvt. Maj. Gen.	.....	Army Tennessee	June 17, '87.
Powers, Geo W.	Corporal	C	13th Wis Infantry	
Preuitt, Isom	Sergeant	M	1st Mo Cavalry	
Preuitt, W G.	Private	M	1st Mo Cavalry	
Probst, John G.	Private	I	33d N J Infantry	
Redd, Garrison	Musician	C	164th Ohio Infantry	
Reynolds, Edward H.	Major	.....	5th Me Infantry	
Riar, Charles	Private	F	45th Illinois Infantry	
Richard, Sebastian	Private	E	Kimball's Mo Militia	May 21, '96.
Riggs, Gilman	Sergeant	B	92d Ohio Infantry	
Rockenfield, C S.	Private	I	77th Illinois Infantry	
Rohrbaugh, John I.	Private	I	11th Penn Cavalry	
Rollins, J A.	Corporal	F	37th Wis Infantry	
Ross, Thomas	Qmr. Sergeant	D	88th N Y Infantry	
Rumsey, John A.	Corporal	E	1st Mo Artillery	
Saltzgaber, W H.	Private	K	128th Ohio Infantry	
Sanders, Junius G.	1st Sergeant	F	4th Ohio Infantry	
Scott, Walter	Sergeant	K	27th Colored Volunteers	June, 1886..
Schelling, Jacob	Private	F	11th Mo Light Art.	
Shaw, Geo W.	Private	G	80th Illinois Infantry	
Sheldon, Jona R.	Private	B	17th Ind Infantry	
Shiffhauer, H.	Private	C	63d Penn Infantry	Oct., 1888..
Shown, J O.	1st Sergeant	K	64th Illinois Infantry	
Sien, Fredrick	Sergeant	B	7th Illinois Cavalry	
Simons, A O.	Private	F	9th Mich Infantry	Dec. 21, '92
Sims, Wm.	Captain	F	104th Ohio Infantry	
Sligh, James M.	Captain	G	1st Mich Engineers	
Sloan, Isaac N.	Private	I	15th Illinois Infantry	
Smith, James S.	Corporal	H	82d Ohio Infantry	
Snider, S E.	Bugler	I	4th W Va Infantry	
Soudant, Jos H.	Private	D	57th Mass Infantry	May 21, '95.
Spitzby, Stephen	Sergeant	B	27th Mich Infantry	
Spurzem, Peter	Private	D	4th Mo Infantry	
Stephan, Adam	Private	H	Mo State Militia	
Staley, Chas	Corporal	K	5th Cal Infantry	
Staples, Geo E	Private	Ind.	Penn Infantry	Aug., 1890.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena—Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Sterling, Frank P	Sergt. Major...	10th Wis Infantry	Mar. 24, '87.
Strong, W W	Captain.....	K	14th Illinois Infantry.....	
Stuart, James C	Private	A	7th Ind Infantry	
Swiggette, S A.....	Captain.....	B	36th Iowa Infantry	
Taylor, Geo H.....	Sergeant.....	I	3d N Y Artillery	Nov. 8, '95.
Thompson, Andrew T...	Corporal.....	.....	2d Wis Infantry
Thomas, Jas L.....	Corporal.....	F	185th N Y Infantry	
Thomas, Abraham.....	Private	A	1st Ohio Infantry	
Thompson, Robert B	Private	A	21st Penn Infantry.....	
Titus, David H.....	Private	F	5th Kansas Cavalry.....	
Tooker, John S	Sergeant.....	G	6th Mich Cavalry.....	
Turner, Davis C.....	Private	A	1st Iowa Cavalry	
Turner, Olmstead.....	Sergeant.....	K	55th Mass Colored Inf ...	
Vance, W H	Sergeant.....	K	3d Cal Infantry.....	
Votaw, Alfred C	Private	G	36th Mo Infantry	June 6, '94..
Walker, Ed S.....	Sergeant.....	H	2d Kansas Cavalry.....	
Walker, Robt C	Major.....	.....	Paymaster U S A.....
Wallace, Robt C.....	Major.....	.....	5th Mich Cavalry
Washburn, Alfred Ira...	Private	B	22d Mass Infantry	June 25, '94.
Washington, Greenbury.	Private	H	108th U S Colored Inf....	
Weaver, Fredrick L.....	Carpenter. ....	.....	U S Navy
Webster, Almer P.....	Captain.....	G	9th N Y Infantry.....	
Wheeler, Wm F.....	Captain.....	F	4th Minn Infantry	
Whitney, Vincent B.....	Qmr. Sergeant.	F	3d U S Infantry.....	
Whitney, Lucius	Lieutenant.....	G	2d Kansas Cavalry.....	
Winter, Fitz H.....	Private	C	33d Mass Infantry	
White, Robert.....	Private	F	12th Illinois Infantry. ...	
Winston, P J.....	Corporal.....	I	2d Neb Cavalry.....	
Worcester, C S.....	Private	I	7th Me Infantry	
Workman, John.....	Private ..	B	23d Mich Infantry	
Worthington, Thos.....	Lieutenant.....	A	106th Ohio Infantry.....	
Wright, Jerome B.....	Private	B	2d Colo Cavalry	
Yeager, Henry C	Private	D	20th Mass Infantry.....	

Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4, Deer Lodge.

(DISBANDED)

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Baisrert, Daniel	Private	I	31st Wis.
Batkin, W W	2d Lieut	G	12th Wis.
Bear, Joshua	Private	H	65th Ohio
Cameron, Alex	Private	G	4th Mich.
Coleman, Wm	Private		131st Ohio
Coleman, Lew	Private	K	2d Colo Cavalry
Creel, E G	Private	C	45th Iowa
Curce, James	Private	G	11th Mich
Dean, F B	Private	M	1st Me Artillery
Douglas, Geo C	Private		4th N Y Volunteers
Engle, Perry	Private	C	3d Md
Finnegan, John	Private	B	145th N Y
Fox, J W	Private	B	3d Kansas
Galbraith, Wm J	Private	G	12th Penn
Glover, S	Private	A	20th Wis
Governey, L	Private		General Service
Guilbeant, Urget	Private	A	5th Vt Infantry
Hank, G C	Private	A	2d Bat 19th U S Infantry
Keiley, John	Bugler	D	15th Kansas
Kelly, Michael	Private	A	75th Penn
Kennedy, J J	Order. Sergt.	D	1st Colo
Lane, J A	Private	I	6th Me.
McMillan, D J	Private	K	7th Illinois
Martz, B F	Private	D	36th Iowa
Mills, Jas H	Captain	G	11th Penn
Mills, E P	Private	I	23d Iowa
Miller, W B	Private	G	17Sth Penn Volunteers
Morrison, D A	Private	H	8th Wis Infantry
Murphy, Wm	Seaman		
Seach, E M	Private	C	169th N Y
Stuart, Sam D	Private	C	1st Iowa
Summer, H A	Private	K	17th Ohio
Vaughn, John F	Private	D	3d Colo Volunteers
Van Gundy, Jeff	Private	A	5th Ohio Cavalry
Werner, Daniel	Private	B	9th Illinois Infantry
Witter, W H	Private	I	51st Mo
Zenor, Howard H	Private	F	14th Ind

Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Comfort, J R.....	Private	B	137th N Y
Courtney, R	Private	B	8th N Y H A.....
Day, Elias P.....	Private	K	2d Iowa Infantry
Dickenson, E L	Corporal.....	B	150th Penn.....
Foster, Thos A.....	Private	H	2d Minn Infantry
Gould, Geo	Private	B	1st Nevada
Green, L A.....	Private	A	61st Illinois.....
Hall, Wm	Private	I	1st Vt Cavalry.....
Hardesty, Henry	Private	B	9th Illinois Cavalry.....
Herman, Albert	Private	C	9th Wis
Jones, Evan J.....	Private	A	2d Colo Cavalry
Kannston, Hans	Private	D	2d Neb Cavalry.....
Kidder, H H	Private	M	2d Cal Cavalry.....
Lemar, H.....	Private	C	9th Penn R
Lowman, O R S.	Private	B	17th Kansas
McCann, John	Private	I	2d Kv Infantry.....
Marshall, J J.....	Private	A	1st Minn Infantry.....
Means, W A	Corporal.....	I	69th Mo.....
Moore, B T.....	Private	L	15th Illinois Cavalry.....
Moore, I D	Private	I	52d Illinois.....
Parmeter, Orville F	Musician .....	.....	47th Illinois.....
Pease, D A.....	Private	I	66th Illinois.....
Phillips, Frank	Private	A	2d Illinois Light Art.....
Rightenour, G W.....	Private	D	11th Illinois Infantry.....
Rossiter, H D	Corporal.....	B	22d Illinois Infantry.....
Scholes, C M	Private	M	14th N Y H A.....
Seigchrist, Henry.....	Private	B	40th Ohio.....
Talty, Frank	Private	G	1st Iowa Cavalry.....
Taylor, Wm H	Private	C	10th Maine.....
Thompson, Riley	Private	G	142d Illinois.....
Thompson, D W.....	Private	K	4th Wis Cavalry.....
Thomas, James	Private	G	12th Ind Infantry
Umspaw, W M	Private	G	11th Illinois Infantry.....

Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Bailey, Wm H.....	Private	F	24th Mich.....	1893.....
Barker, Geo	Private	A	52d Illinois.....	
Blake, Henry N.....	Captain.....	K	11th Mass	
Bronner, S M.....	Private	M	1st Mich Cavalry	
Bull, A N	1st Lieut.....	F	133d Ohio.....	
Burns, Geo W.....	Private	C	1st Illinois Artillery	
Callaway, Jas E	Colonel		21st Illinois.....	
Carruthers, J B.....	Private	C	34th N Y	
Childs, H L	Private	G	130th Illinois.....	
Christnot, Chas F.....	Private	C	12th Wis.....	
Congor, Everton J.....	Lieut Colonel.....		1st D C Cavalry	
Covey, Wm I	Sergeant.....	E	5th U S Cavalry	
Cox, Thos P.....	Private	I	119th Illinois.....	
Darrell, Jas W.....	Private	A	5th Cavalry M S M.....	
Davis, John H.....	Captain.....	B	41st Illinois.....	
Deimling, Francis C.....	Colonel		10th Mo Volunteers	Jan. 2, '86..
Febes, Jas H.....	Private	I	11th Illinois.....	
Fletcher, Edwin A.....	Private	B	1st Bat Me.....	
Folgamhe, H C.....	Sergeant.....	A	5th Cavalry.....	
Gainan, Stephen.....	Private	A	15th Iowa.....	
Gloyd, A E.....	Private	E	12th Wis.....	
Hardestry, Henry	Sergeant.....	B	9th Illinois.....	No record.
Hayward, P D.....				
Hayden, Wm.....	Sergeant.....	G	63d N Y.....	
Hoffman, Joseph.....	Private	C	83d Penn Volunteers.....	
How, Jas B.....	Corporal.....	A	1st Mo Infantry.....	
Howell, H S.....	Captain.....	B	4th N J Volunteers	
King, John M	Private	F	2d W Va Cavalry.....	
Knight, Albert B.....				
Kroeger, Henry	Private	A	3d Colo Infantry.....	
Lake, Henry B.....	Corporal.....	H	76th N Y	
Lindsay, David W.....	Sergeant.....	B	1st N Y Artillery.....	
Linsley, O D	Sergeant.....	E	15th N Y Engineers.....	
McCalley, J M.....	Private	B	33d Iowa.....	
Mason, Albert.....	Lieutenant.....	G	3d Mich	
Mather, Emmett.....	Captain.....	H	1st Vt Cavalry.....	
Metlonder, Edward.....	Private	B	1st U S Artillery.....	
Morris, John W	Corporal.....	H	126th Illinois.....	
O'Brion, Michael.....	Sergeant.....	K	57th Illinois	
Page, James M	Sergeant.....	A	6th Mich Cavalry.....	
Page, Sam B	Private	B	15th Vet Infantry.....	
Pickney, Calvin M	Sergeant.....	H	5th Mich Cavalry.....	
Rogers, A N	Private	D	43d Mo	
Schmalhausen, N.....	Captain.....	C	26th Ky.....	
Spiller, John.....	Private	H	11th Illinois.....	
Sprague, Chas H.....	Bugler.....	C	7th Illinois Cavalry.....	
Stark, Eugene.....	Private	D	Mo Vols Tel Corps.....	
Stevens, Willis W.....	Private	D	17th Iowa.....	
Templeton, Hesikiah	Private	E	2d Iowa.....	
Williams, John T	Private	B	2d Wis.....	
Woodworth, John E.....	Sergeant.....	C	111th Ohio.....	

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Button, Ottis	Private	B	35th Illinois V I	Dec. 26, '92.
Buchanan, David	Private	A	9th Penn Cavalry	
Bingham, H W	1st Lieut.	G	2d Minn Cavalry	
Bonwell James	Private	C	140th N Y Volunteers ..	
Bottler, Philip	Private	H	9th Iowa	
Byard, John	Private	F	152d Ohio V I	Dec. 26, '93.
Carr, B J	Private	B	11th Ind Volunteers	
Chambers, G T	Private	H	4th Cavalry	
Clifford, John	Private	A	2d U S S S	
Collins, W F	Corporal	B	N Y Light Artillery	
Cordon, Thomas	Private	A	101st Penn V I	
Cripnier, James M	Private	E	25th Ohio Bat	
Davis, H G	Private	E	105th Illinois Vols	
Davis, Albert P	Private	B	14th U S Infantry	
DeVoe, Henry	Musician	A	12th Illinois Cavalry	
Dodge, John M	Private	E	6th Iowa Cavalry	
Donaldson, George W	Private	I	5th Illinois Cavalry	
Evans, Jerry	Private	K	4th Wis Cavalry	
Ebert, N	Private	K	48th Wis Infantry	
Farel, Wm	Private	B	16th N Y Infantry	
Fifield, C C	Private	E	47th Illinois Infantry	
Fisher, Peter	Private	I	1st Del Infantry	
Finegan Tim	Private	L	2d Mo Cavalry	
Fontz, Thomas	1st Lieut.	M	60th Penn Volunteers	
Forcht, A	Private	A	8th Mo Infantry	
Fredrick, Jacob	Private	A	160th N Y	
Gault, Thomas	Private	H	3d Mich Cavalry	
Geyser, Samuel	Private	K	31st N Y Infantry	
Gear, George	Corporal	G	90th Illinois V I	
Gray, John	Private	H	46th Ind Infantry	
Grody, John	Private	A	4th Minn Infantry	
Grant, G W	Private	H	5th Me Volunteers	Sept. 1895..
Green, Wm M	Corporal	I	193d Penn	
Gould, Anthony B	Private	L	6th N Y Heavy Art	
Harris, Alonzo	Private	K	12th Ohio V I	
Hicks, A B	Corporal	E	23d N Y Infantry	
Hoops, Pierce	Private	A	1st Penn V R C	
Hoppe, Hugh	Private	A	2d Cal Cavalry	
Ives, Geo R	Private	C	14th U S Infantry	
Kaines, Albert	Private	K	160th Ohio N G	
Keogh, Thomas	Private	H	47th Illinois Volunteers ..	
Knoblock, Peter	Private	D	123d Penn	1894.....
LaBarre, Lewis C	Private	C	31st Wis Infantry	
Lawrence, J F	Private	E	6th Wis Infantry	
Lee, H C	Private	I	17th Wis Infantry	
Lett, A J	Private	H	21st Iowa	
Linn, Alex	Sergeant	L	20th Penn Cavalry	
McCabe, Allen	Private	K	30th Iowa Volunteers	
McMullan, Elias	Private	I	79th N Y Volunteers	
Mason, J	Private	D	23d N Y V I	
Meigs, Geo P	Private	B	20th Ind	Sept. 1895..
Metcalf, G W	Private	F	138th N Y V I	
Niblock, Wesley	Private	A	Marine Regiment	
Oshorn, Owen	Private	K	8th Mo Volunteers	
Otten, Louis	Private	D	2d Bat Minn Cavalry	
Owen, A E	Private	B	22d Mich V I	
Owens, Robt D	Private	D	8th Mo Cavalry	
Phillips, Nelson	Private	C	1st Ore Cavalry	
Prather, Thomas	Private	A	13th Ohio V I	
Raed, Jas C	Private	B	28th Wis Volunteers	Nov. 1894..
Reeder, Geo	Private	F	40th Wis Infantry	
Redfield, Wm H	Private	C	13th U S Infantry	
Reichart, Jacob	Private	I	20th Illinois V I	
Richardson, David P	1st Lieut.	F	93d Penn	
Ristenbatt, Gus	Private	C	7th Ohio V I	
Rossiter, Chas W	Private			

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston--Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Sample, Jas M.....	Private	B	54th Ind Infantry.....	
Savoy, Lewis	Private	C	2d N Y Prov	
Shafer, John H.....	Private	B	5th Indiana	
Skillen, John	Private	F	33d N Y Infantry	
Shrake, S R.....	Private	G	20d Wis Infantry	
Shultz, Samuel.....	Private	G	21st Illinois V I.....	
Smith, Amos C.	Private	B	2d Wis V I	
Stevens, Sidney	Private	H	3d Wis Cavalry.....	
Taylor, S D.....	Private		2d Bat 1st M A	
Thompson, Jessie B....	Private	C	2d Ind Cavalry.....	March, '92.
Tooley, P H .....	.....		
Totten, Wm L.....	2d Lieut	H	8th N Y Heavy Art.	
Vaupel, Henry.....	Private	F	197th Ohio V I.....	Mar 31, '94.
Whellon, J M.....	Private	F	144th Illinois	
Wright, F W.....	Private	G	21st N Y Infantry	
Yeaton, Wm H.....	Private	K	1st N H Volunteers.....	

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	
Bond, Benj	Sergeant.....	D	14th Iowa Infantry.....	
Blevin, Chas.....	Order Sergt		Navy Steamer Cyam.....	
Bishop, Jas D	Sergeant.....	D	130th N Y Vols Inf.....	
Connor, John	Sergeant.....	G	2d Minn Vet Inf	
Darmtzer, Chris.....	1st Sergeant....	E	14th Iowa Infantry.....	
Gannon, John.....	Private	G	12th U S Infantry	
Hopp, Fredrick.....	Private	K	8th Iowa Infantry.....	
Hoffman, Louis.....	Corporal.....	E	2d U S Vols Inf.....	
Klemm, Otho.....	Private	B	1st Illinois Artillery.....	
Lamont, David	Private	A	147th Illinois Infantry....	
Loughridge, Thos	Sergeant.....	B	1st Colo Cavalry.....	
McDowell, Robt.....	Private	A	22d N Y Volunteers.....	
McClusky, John	Private	F	1st Nev Cavalry	
O'Connor, Thos M	Private	G	3d Cal Vols Inf.....	
O Leary, John F.....	Private	B	142d Illinois Infantry.....	
Pickman, Henry D	Private	A	50th Mass Infantry.....	
Scalley, John.....	Private	H	18th N H Infantry.....	
Talent, Isaac.....	Private	E	13th Ky Vols Cavalry....	
Townsend, Jas B.....	Private	K	4th Iowa Infantry.....	
Willis, Ozias	Private	I	42d Mass Infantry	

William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Abbott, J D.....	Private	A	3d Del Infantry	
Adams, Aug.....	Private	I	5th Kan Cavalry	
Afflack, Wm.....	Private	C	22d Illinois Infantry	
Alexander, W J.....	Private	A	2d Wis Cavalry	
Anderson, John.....	Sergeant.....	H	1st Kan Colored	
Axtell, John S.....	Private	E	6th Mich Cavalry	
Barnett, Robert T.....	1st Lieut		6th Penn Heavy Art.....	
Barrett Lee	Private	A	2d Minn Infantry	
Battles, H J.....	Private	E	Mo State Militia.....	
Berry, Minor	Private	H	7th Ind Infantry	
Booth, Geo A.....	Lieut	K	98th N Y Infantry ..	
Bohart, Peter.....	Lieut	II	23d Illinois.....	
Border, Geo.....	Private	A	73d Ind Infantry	No record.
Bowen, Wm H.....		B	1st Vt Cavalry	
Bushnell, Wm H.....	Sergeant.....		9th Illinois	
Cameron, Wm D.....	1st Lieut		50th N Y Engineers.....	
Campbell, E F.....	Private	M	8th Iowa Cavalry	
Carlin, John T.....	Lieut	F	82d Ohio Infantry	
Charpie, Alvin B.....	Musician.....		51st Ind Infantry	
Chisholm, O P.....	2d Lieut	C	153d Illinois Infantry	
Clarke, A D.....	Private	D	142d Ohio Infantry	
Coburn, John.....	Colonel		33d Indiana.....	
Copple, Elza.....	Private	K	16th Kansas Cavalry	
Copple, Gotlieb.....	Private	B	Mo Light Artillery.....	
Cook, Jos W.....	Sergeant.....	F	8th Illinois Cavalry	
Corblv, J I.....	Sergeant	A	th Iowa Infantry	
Drennan, Jas W.....	Private	F	88th N Y Infantry	
Dunn, W D.....	Asst Sergt.....		21st Ind Volunteers.....	
Eastman, Henry E.....	Private	I	3d Wis Infantry	No record.
Eaton, Geo O.....	Private	I	15th Maine	
Edens, John.....	Private	A	7th Ky Infantry	
Edsall, Andrew J.....	Private	M	1st N J Cavalry	
Edwards, Roger.....	Lieut	E	48th New York.....	
Ellison, Chas F.....	Private	I	124th Illinois.....	
Emmil, Peter.....	Private		N Y Reg.....	
Ferris, Ed F.....	Lieut Col		14th Wisconsin	
Flanders, Geo W.....	1st Lieut	B	6th Vt Infantry	
Flaharty, Marion.....	Private	E	102d Ohio Infantry	
Fleigle, A.....	Private		126th Pa Infantry	
Foster, Luther.....	Private	L	3d Iowa Cavalry	
Fox, John H.....	Drum Major.....		101st Illinois Infantry	
Gallagher, John.....	Private	G	4th U S Infantry	
Gaskill, Geo.....	Private	C	3d N J Infantry	
Goings, Patrick.....	Farrier.....	C	3d U S Cavalry	
Grodivent, Daniel B.....	Private	D	57th Pa Infantry	
Guile, Wm H.....	Private	A	3d Iowa Cavalry	
Hanson, John.....	Corporal.....	C	42d Illinois Infantry..	
Harper, S A.....	Private	C	122d Ohio.....	
Harder, J N.....	Private	E	12th Michigan.....	
Haskins, Marvin.....	Private	D	83d Illinois.....	
Hellinger, Henry.....	Private	C	195th Penn Infantry.....	
Holmes, Chas.....	Corporal.....	G	1st Minn Cavalry	
Horr, H R.....	Private		1st Iowa Artillery.....	
Hulbert, C R.....	Private	I	2d Penn Cavalry	
Jenkins, J B.....	Private	K	6th Penn Cavalry	
Jones, Thos M.....	Private	C	31st Wis Infantry	
Jones, O P.....	Lieut	K	10th R I Infantry	No record.
Kennedy, Jas H.....			2d Bat Mo State Militia..	
Knowles, M E.....	Private	E	193d Ohio Infantry	

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula—Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Kessner, E	Private.....	B	22d Ohio.....	No record.
Koch, Chas.....	Private.....	F	17th Mo Infantry	
Lamont, Hugh	Private.....	C	67th Illinois Volunteers..	
Landers, Wm	Private.....	K	57th Illinois V Infantry..	
Lane, Robt L.....	Private.....	L	2d Cal Cavalry.....	
Lease, Jeremiah.....	Private.....	A	79th N Y V Infantry	
Lathrop, C T.....	Private.....	B	6th Mich H A.....	
Lightell, John B.....	Musician.....		U S Mar Corps	
Livingston, W J.....	Q M Sergt.....		72d N Y Volunteers	
Lombard, C W	Private.....	I	3d Minn V Infantry.....	
McClung, T J	Private.....	K	8th Illinois V Infantry...	
McFarland, G W.....	Private.....	A	124th Penn Volunteers...	
McNeil, Chas S	Seaman.....		U S Nav.....	
Maden, Wm.....	Private.....	B	12th Ohio Volunteers.....	
Martin, Patrick.....	Private.....	B	3d U S Infantry.....	
Moore, Andrew W.....	1st Lieut.....	G	7th Illinois Mounted Inf..	
Moore, J W.....	Private.....	A	152d Penn Heavy Art.....	
Mosley, Robt.....	Private.....	C	2d Illinois Cavalry.....	
Niemer, Gustave	Private.....	E	35th Mass Infantry.....	
Nihart, Wm H	Private.....	F	1st P M Pennsylvania	
Owens, Robt D.....	Private.....	B	22d Mich V Infantry.....	
Payne, Forrest H.....	Private.....	E	23d N Y Volunteers	
Pease, Geo A.....	Private.....	K	22d Me V Infantry.....	
Pearce, Geo.....	Private.....	B	6th Cal Infantry.....	
Pierce, M H.....	Private.....	F	20th Iowa Infantry.....	
Plume, David J.....	1st Sergt.....	D	2d Bat Mo State Militia..	
Potter, Wm P.....	Private.....		1st Bat Light Art.....	
Pryor, Geo.....	Musician.....	A	1st N Y Infantry.....	
Raymer, Wm H	Private.....	G	46th Illinois V Infantry..	
Reid, Wm H.....	Private.....			
Rice, Henry C.....	Private.....	M	1st Colo Cavalry.....	Jan. 2, '91..
Ritzins, Henry P.....	Sergeant.....	A	52d N Y Volunteers	
Rogers, Jas.....	Private.....	I	176th N Y Infantry	
Rogers Mortimer F.....	Private.....	G	3d Wis Cavalry.....	
Ryan, Thos.....	Private.....	G	1st N J V Infantry.....	
Shirey, Solomon.....	Private.....	E	11th Mich Volunteers.....	
Simmons, Leroy.....	Private.....		30th Un Mass H Art.....	
Simpson, E R L.....	Private.....	D	19th Illinois Volunteers..	
Sloane, John L.....	Private.....	A	5th N Y V Volunteers.....	
Swanson, John A.....	Private.....	K	37th Wis Volunteers.....	
Thirion, Phil C.....	Private.....	D	1st Mo Artillery	Feb. 18, '88.
Tower, E M.....	Private.....			
Tracy, John S.....	Private.....	D	15th Ind Volunteers.....	
Van Alstine, Chas.....	Private.....	A	12th Illinois Volunteers..	
Waldrip, Jas.....	Private.....	K	116th Ind Volunteers	
Wileoxen, Samuel C.....	Private.....	G	121st Ind Cavalry	
Williams, Thos.....	Private.....	I	2d N Y Artillery.....	
Woodruff, Ezra.....	Private.....	B	15th Ky Volunteers.....	
Wright, Wm H	Private.....	G	11th Ohio Volunteers	
Young, Jas.....	Private.....	B	6th Penn Cavalry	
Zwanzig, Geo A.....	Private.....	P	15th N Y Heavy Art	

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

NAME.	RANK	CO.	SERVICE	DIED.
Armstrong, John N	Private	A	40th Wis Volunteers	
Atcherson, C E	Private	A	3d Vt Volunteers	
Bauer, August	Private	H	42d N Y Volunteers	
Barry, John	Private	G	2d Illinois Light Art.	
Bancroft, W E	Private	F	145th N Y V Infantry	
Beardsley Ortilus	Private	C	104th N Y Volunteers	1895
Bendon, Nath'l J	Private	A	11th Penn Res Corps	
Bellew, Samuel	Private	D	145th N Y V Infantry	
Bodertha, Geo W	Private	E	114th N Y Volunteers	
Bourneville, Chas	Corporal	C	91st Penn Infantry	
Bones, Royal M	Private	C	Eng Regt of the West	
Bradt, Jacob A	Private	G	2d N Y Cavalry	
Brodrecht, Wm	Private	B	13th Mo Volunteers	May 23, '87.
Brown, Jos			1st Neb Volunteers	
Bruner, John	Private	E	70th Ind Infantry	
Buker, Anderson	Private	B	80th Ohio Volunteers	
Buscher, Chas	Private	F	47th Wis Volunteers	
Canon, Exekiel	Private	I	5th Cal Infantry	
Cantwell, Jas	Private	K	1st U S Infantry	
Catlin, Pope	Private	C	48th Ind Volunteers	
Catlin, John B	Private	H	87th Ind V Infantry	
Chamberlin, J S	Private	E	23d Ohio V Infantry	
Christinan, David	Private	A	93d N Y Volunteers	
Christmas, Major	Private	E	11th Iowa Volunteers	May 23, '88.
Clark, V A	Private	A	1st Ohio Light Artillery	
Cline, E W	Private	I	3d Minn Volunteers	
Cochran, Jas	Private	L	8th Mich Cavalry	
Conway, Edward	Musician	B	1st U S Infantry	
Danforth, David	Private	F	21st Mo Volunteers	Dec. 10, '85.
Dickinson, W H H	Private	C	13th Kan V Infantry	
Dockstadter, Albert	Private	D	22d Wis Volunteers	
Eddy, Albert P	Private	A	1st Ore Infantry	
Egan, Wm	Private	H	5th U S Artillery	
Eisekamp, Louis	Private	D	18th N Y Cavalry	
Felton, Chester	Private	D	28th Mich Volunteers	
Fisher, Eli	Private	G	17th Illinois Infantry	
Fletcher, James E	Private	I	3d Wis Cavalry	Oct. 1895
Fordham, Elra A	Private	E	1st N Y Light Artillery	
Fry, Wm	Private	A	33d Mo Militia	
Fulkerson, Wallace W	Private	K	3d N Y Volunteers	Mar. 21, '91.
Gardner, Geo E	Private	H	17th Mass Infantry	
Garrett, John E	Private	E	112th Illinois V Infantry	
Geer, Suabel	Private	F	12th Illinois Cavalry	
Gibson, Silas D	Private	K	31st Iowa V Vols	
Grant, Pleasant F	Private	K	6th Iowa Volunteers	
Grantier, L W	Musician	K	106th Penn V Infantry	
Green, F E	Private	D	49th U S Infantry	
Hartman, Geo B	Corporal	D	14th Ohio Infantry	
Harlan, W B	Private	I	1st Minn Heavy Art	
Hatch, Luke D	Private	A	48th Ind Volunteers	
Head, Geo E	1st Lieut.		11th U S Infantry	
Hollenbeck, H C	Musician	A	9th N Y Cavalry	
Irving, Lafe J	Private	E	142d Illinois Volunteers	
Jamieson, Frank N	Private	G	1st Iowa Volunteers	
Jenkins, G W	Private	M	1st Iowa Cavalry	
Kelsey, Wm	Private	M	12th N Y Cavalry	Apr 2, '87.
Kennedy, Will	Musician	A	52d Ind Infantry	
Kenney, E A	Private	F	15th Conn Volunteers	
Kennett, Ferd	Sergeant	I	29th Mo Volunteers	

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula—Continued.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Kessner, E	Private.....	B	22d Ohio.....	No record.
Koci, Chas.....	Private.....	F	17th Mo Infantry	
Lamont, Hugh	Private.....	C	67th Illinois Volunteers..	
Landers, Wm	Private.....	K	57th Illinois V Infantry..	
Lane, Robt L.....	Private.....	L	2d Cal Cavalry.....	
Lease, Jeremiah.....	Private.....	A	79th N Y V Infantry	
Lathrop, C T.....	Private.....	B	6th Mich H A.....	
Lightell, John B.....	Musician.....		U S Mar Corps	
Livingston, W J.....	Q M Sergt.....		72d N Y Volunteers	
Lombard, C W	Private.....	I	3d Minn V Infantry	
McClung, T J	Private.....	K	8th Illinois V Infantry....	
McFarland, G W.....	Private.....	A	124th Penn Volunteers....	
McNeil, Chas S.....	Seaman.....		U S Nav.....	
Maden, Wm.....	Private.....	B	12th Ohio Volunteers....	
Martin, Patrick.....	Private.....	B	3d U S Infantry.....	
Moore, Andrew W.....	1st Lieut.....	G	7th Illinois Mounted Inf..	
Moore, J W.....	Private.....	A	152d Penn Heavy Art....	
Mosley, Robt.....	Private.....	C	2d Illinois Cnvalry.....	
Niemer, Gustave	Private.....	E	35th Mass Infantry.....	
Nihart, Wm H	Private.....	F	1st P M Pennsylvania ...	
Owens, Robt D.....	Private.....	B	22d Mich V Infantry.....	
Payne, Forrest H.....	Private.....	E	23d N Y Volunteers	
Pease, Geo A.....	Private.....	K	22d Me V Infantry.....	
Pearce, Geo.....	Private.....	B	6th Cal Infantry.....	
Pierce, M H.....	Private.....	F	20th Iowa Infantry.....	
Plume, David J.....	1st Sergt.....	D	2d Bat Mo State Militia..	
Potter, Wm P.....	Private.....		1st Bat Light Art.....	
Pryor, Geo.....	Musician.....	A	1st N Y Infantry.....	
Raymer, Wm H.....	Private.....	G	46th Illinois V Infantry..	
Reid, Wm H.....				
Rice, Henry C.....	Private.....	M	1st Colo Cavalry.....	
Ritzins, Henry P.....	Sergeant.....	A	52d N Y Volunteers	
Rogers, Jas.....	Private.....	I	176th N Y Infantry	
Rogers Mortimer F.....	Private.....	G	3d Wis Cavalry.....	
Ryan, Thos.....	Private.....	G	1st N J V Infantry.....	
Shirey, Solomon.....	Private.....	E	11th Mich Volunteers.....	
Simmons, Leroy.....	Private.....		30th Un Mass H Art.....	
Simpson, E R L.....	Private.....	D	19th Illinois Volunteers..	
Sloane, John L.....	Private.....	A	5th N Y V Volunteers....	
Swanson, John A.....	Private.....	K	37th Wis Volunteers.....	
Thirion, Phil C.....	Private.....	D	1st Mo Artillery	
Tower, E M.....				
Tracy, John S.....	Private.....	D	15th Ind Volunteers.....	
Van Alstine, Chas.....	Private.....	A	12th Illinois Volunteers..	
Waldrip, Jas.....	Private.....	K	116th Ind Volunteers	Jan. 2, '91..
Wileoxen, Samuel C.....	Private.....	G	121st Ind Cavalry	Feb. 15, '88.
Williams, Thos.....	Private.....	I	2d N Y Artillery.....	
Woodruff, Ezra.....	Private.....	B	15th Ky Volunteers.....	
Wright, Wm H.....	Private.....	G	11th Ohio Volunteers	
Young, Jas.....	Private.....	B	6th Penn Cavalry	
Zwanzig, Geo A.....	Private.....	P	15th N Y Heavy Art	

Thomas L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Allen, Jos W	Private	F	1st Kan Infantry	
Almy, Jas S	Private	C	7th Illinois Cavalry	
Bamber, John	Private	G	20th Conn Infantry	
Bendon, Nath'l J	Private	A	11th Penn Res Corps	
Bangs, Wm C	Captain	I	13th Mo Cavalry	
Burns, John L	Sergeant	K	142d N Y Infantry	
Bennett, Norris S	1st Lieut.	K	44th Ind Infantry	
Brown, David	Private	B	1st Mich Infantry	
Bonham, Philip	Private	B	1st Nev Cavalry	
Coleman, Wilbur M	Private	L	1st Minn Infantry	
Coyle, Jas	Private	F	9th Conn Infantry	Feb. 28, '93.
Cyphers, Phillp	Corporal	F	9th N J Infantry	
Curmins, Richard R	Corporal	D	124th Penn Vet Vols	
Daly, Jas	Private	K	1st Md or Cole's Cav	
Duffy, Jas	Private	F	33d N J Infantry	Feb. 18, '92.
Dalley, Jas W	Drummer	C	42d Wis Infantry	
Egan, Michael	Private	A	15th Conn Infantry	
Ferrons, John	Seaman		U S S Louisville	
Frederick, Henry	Private	D	104th N Y Infantry	July 2, '91..
Fish, Barton W	Private	A	1st Penn V R C Inf	
Hoopes, Pierce Jr	Private	C	31st N Y Infantry	
Hirschfield, Jacob	Private	I	6th N Y Infantry	
Insko, Jas W	Private	D	8th Ky Infantry	
Ledford, John S	Private	L	6th Illinois Cavalry	No record.
Middleham, Wm H	Farrier	K	8th Illinois Infantry	
McClung, Thos	1st Lieut.	C	9th N Y Infantry	
MtFerrer, Henry	Private		10th Conn Infantry	
McCormick, Jas	1st Sergt	A	50th Ohio Infantry	
McWhirk, Geo B	Private	G	156th Illinois Infantry	
Newton, Geo H	Private	H	86th Illinois Infantry	
Newion, Wm W	Private	F	47th Ky Infantry	
Noe, Benj H	Private	K	158th N Y Infantry	
Richmond, Geo D	Private	F	2d Iowa Infantry	
Robinson, Richrd R	Private	L	6th Iowa Cavalry	June 22, '93.
Riley, Jas F	Private	G	2d N Y Heavy Art	
Slawson, Eben	Private	D	1st M Cavalry	
Smith, Chas N	Private	E	191st Ohio Infantry	
Shaub, John S	Private	E	Ind Bat Minn Cavalry	
Tuttle, Henry C	Private	F	2d Iowa Cavalry	Mar. 2, '87.
Treat, Robt M	Private	B	1st Wis Heavy Art	
Tranmer, Chas	Private	I	4th Minn Infantry	
Van Blaricomb, Levi	Private			
Vunk, Robt	Private	C	100th Penn Infantry	
Walton, John E	1st Class Firman			
Wyman, Moses P	Musician	H	38th Wis Infantry	
Waters, Ela C				

McPherson Post No. 13, Boulder—(Disbanded.)

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Ax, Albert	Musician		63d Ind Infantry
Bailey, Frank	Private	B	124th Illinois Infantry
Basye, Thos S.	Musician	H	8th Colo Volunteers
Bell, Alex	Private	I	95th Illinois Infantry
Bowles, Geo L.	Sergeant	I	26th Kentucky
Bresee, Joel	Private	C	25th Wis Infantry
Cook, Hiram	Captain	II	25th Michigan
Cook, Vining A.	Private	R	2d Mich Infentry
Cowan, Geo F.	Sergeant	B	4th Wis Cavalry
Dailey, J P.	Private	A	8th U S Infantry
Eastridge, John	Private	I	43d Illinois Infantry
Faught, Jas.	Private	G	91st Ohio Infantry
Gibblings, Wm R.	Private	M	2d Cal Cavalry
Gilkey, John W.	Private	K	86th N Y Infantry
Hall, M K.	Bugler		1st Minn Bat
Harper, Samuel S.	Sergeant	B	9th Penn Cavalry
Harris, Lyman E.	Private	K	10th Ohio Cavalry
Hoopes, Benj F.	Private	B	14th Penn Cavalry
Kellogg, Jas M.	Corporal	M	1st New Mexico
Kennedy, Will	Corporal	A	52d Ind Indiana
McGrath Edward M.	Private	C	Hatch's Bar Minn Cav.
Marsh, Alonzo A.	Private	B	25th Ohio Veterans
Meba, Mathias	Private	B	72d Ohio Infantry
Meour, Fred L.	Ship Captain		
Mier, Alfred	Private	K	85th Ohio Cavalry
Miller, Jas H.	Sergeant		6th Vet Res Corps
Moore, John S.	Private	I	52d Illinois Infantry
Nelson, Jas H.	Corporal	K	21st Mo Infantry
Nye, Enoch R.	Private	H	77th Illinois
Park, Perry H.	Private	C	8th Iowa Cavalry
Paquin, Jaques B.	Private	D	2d Ind Bat Pa Inf.
Rain, Wm A.	Private	H	2d Cal Cavalry
Sargant, Chas A.	Private	D	17th Massachusetts
Shrene, Benj F.	Private	K	3d W Va Infantry
Sleigh, Geo W.	Private	A	92d Ohio Infantry
Street, Selva S.	Private	A	22d Iowa Infantry
Taylor, Horace	Private	K	2d Cal Cavalry
TenEyck, Geo.	Captain	G	4th N Y Cavalry
Tole, Lewis H.	Corporal	E	2d Ohio Infantry
Winslow, Jos.	Private	H	20th Me Infentry
Winston, Jeremiah C.	Private	D	4th Minn Infantry

U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Bryan, T J.....	Private	D	11th Illinois Infantry
Campbell, R E	Private	G	47th Iowa Infantry.....
Dolfer, Andrew	Private	H	8th N J Infantry.....
Donnelly, H S	Private	I	112th Penn Infantry.....
Dowling, Joe.....	Private	II	1st U S Artillery
Harrigan, Dan.....	corporal.....	I	21st N Y Cavalry.....
Joke H.....	Private	A	15th Mo Infantry
Kendal, L.....	Private	C	44th Iowa Infantry.....
Know, Wm F	Private	B	77th Ohio V Infantry....
Miner, J H.....	Private	F	6th Minn Infantry
Silverberg, Geo.....	Private	C	31st N Y Infantry
Thompson Chas.....	Private	F	19th Mass Infantry.....
Young, Chas	Private	F	6th Ohio V Infantry

George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

NAME.	NAME.
Davidson, T C.....	Rakats, Frank.....
Wisner, J S.....	Butler, W J.....
Kinney, James.....	Hunt, H C.....
Short, Augustus.....	Decker, Abraham.....
Golder, Eber.....	Turney, W W.....
Gates, Austin B.....	Earl, J T.....
Collins, Virgil H.....	Bowers, Hiram.....
Bishop, J K.....	Muller, Charles.....
Cannovan, John.....	Marchion, John.....
Collins, Wm R.....	Haight, C W.....
Morley, N H.....	Zumbrun, C L.....
Lamont, T J.....	Hans, Joseph.....
Stevens, A P.....	Johnson, Bernard W.....
Bancroft, G W.....	Hurst, Jacob.....
Eastman, T P.....	Barry, John.....
Sweeney, Benjamin.....	Appleby, William.....
Meyer, Henry.....	Wallace, Hiram.....
Vosen, William.....	James, J T.....
Andrews, Patrick J M.....	O'Leary, Timothy.....
Lingo, Archibald.....	Winters, Joseph B.....
Keever, William M.....	Forrest, John.....
Whitney, Winfield S.....	Hallahan, John.....
Gilbert, Henry S.....	Edwards, Roger.....
Stevens, Alfred S.....	Johnson, King.....
Rockefeller, I M.....	Evans, David.....
Weaver, A C.....	Waterbury, Edwin H.....
Bowich, Pat.....	Elston, George.....
Walker, Thomas D.....	Storm, Ira.....
Hertz, Daniel.....	Wright, William N.....

Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Armstrong, Felix.....	Private	G	15th Ind Infantry
Ashen, John F.....	Private	H	11th Illinois Infantry.....
Buckingham, John	Private .....	.....	Chicago Brd Trade Bat..
Bournanville Chas E	Corporal	B	91st Penn Infantry.....
Beecher, D W	Private	D	43d Ind Infantry
Bishoff, W H F.....	Private	G	2d Minn Cavalry.....
Brustle, John	Private	I	8th Minn Infantry
Blake, John.....	Fireman .....	.....	U S S Wamchesett.....
Combs, Frank	Private	E	129th Ind Infantry
Clark, John W	Private	K	15th Iowa Infantry.....
Cleveland, Wm M.....	Sergeant	G	105th Penn Infantry.....
Carr, John.....	Private	C	153d N Y Infantry.....
Chilson, Nelson	Private	K	16th Wis Infantry
Caldwell, Peter.....	Private	G	14th Mich Infantry.....
Cooper, O S	Private	I	51st Mo Infantry.....
Dean, Samuel.....	2d Lieut	A	3d Penn Art
Drake, Simeon.....	Private	E	38th Iowa Infantry.....
Darcy, Peter	Btswain's Mate .....	.....	U S Navy
Evans, John H	Private	F	2d Iowa Cavalry.....
Epler, J C.....	Color Sergt.....	.....	9th Minn Infantry
Fisher, David.....	Private	E	47th Ohio Infantry.....
Gregg, J O	Private	A	14th Ohio Infantry.....
Gibson, Jas.....	Private	F	174th N Y Infantry.....
Heldt, F G	Private	B	94th N Y Infantry.....
Ilmzburg, John.....	Private	C	16th Ohio Infantry.....
Hughes, P H	Private	G	18th Wis Infantry.....
Hodges, Sheldon	Private	F	124th Illinois Infantry.....
Hutchinson, H M.....	Private	D	22d Illinois Infantry.....
Hall, H G	Private	K	6th Ky Cavalry
Harbold, Philip.....	Musician	K	21st N Y Infantry.....
Hodges, D K	Private	B	36th Illinois Infantry.....
Ingraham, I.....	Sergeant.....	F	20th Me Infantry.....
Leach, W	Private	A	86th Ind Infantry
Littlefield, J M	Private	K	1st Me Cavalry
Leonard, J E	Private	F	Hatch's Minn Cavalry ..
Mitchell, E M	Q M Sergt.....	E	1st Colo Cavalry
Mohs, John.....	Private	I	128th Ohio Infantry.....
Macqueen, W M.....	.....	.....	.....
McBratney, W C.....	Private	G	195th Penn Infantry.....
Marier, W F	Private	C	3d Penn Artillery.....
McDonald, Sterling.....	Sergeant.....	D	Mo H G
Martinn, Jas M	Private	D	100th Penn Infantry.....
Moody, William.....	Private	A	15th Vt Infantry
Osbourn, John.....	Private	E	1st Bat Mass Cavalry.....
Porter, S B	Private	G	104th Illinois Infantry.....
Peck, L W	Private	B	50th Ind Infantry
Robbins, G M	Sergeant.....	F	8th Wis Infantry
Riley, Thos.....	Private	E	8th Illinois Cavalry
Robinson, Chas H.....	1st Lieut.....	A	139th Illinois Infantry.....
Reese, Geo S	Private	D	11th Penn Cavalry
Safford, W H.....	Private	H	24th N Y Infantry
Sutherland, A D.....	Seaman .....	.....	U S Gunboat.....
Thayer, C E.....	Sergeant.....	G	57th Penn Infantry.....
Walker, Jas A.....	Corporal.....	A	135th Penn Infantry.....
Washburn, A I	Private	B	22d Mass Infantry
Whitbeck, S M	Private	K	31st N Y Infantry
Zimmerman, A T.....	Private	A	96th Ohio Infantry.....

James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewistown.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Armould, John P.....		D	7th Ind Cavalry.....
Archer, Chas.....	Sergeant.....	I	6th Ky Artillery.....
Bowman, Wm J.....		L	1st Iowa Cavalry.....
Bowman, Benson H.....		F	9th Kan Cavalry.....
Bremson, Alandre.....		B	54th Mass Infantry.....
Bedford, David J.....		K	133d Illinois Infantry.....
Bloom, Henry C.....		A	8th Ohio Infantry.....
Bartholomew, Jerry.....		G	52d Illinois Infantry.....
Coder, S L.....		H	1st Nebraska.....
Corwin, Walter S.....		A	9th Kan Cavalry.....
Crutzman, Wm.....		D	1st Mo Light Art.....
Cunningham, Geo.....		A	U S Signal Corps.....
Dove, Jackson.....		B	8th Illinois Infantry.....
Dearer, Jas.....		E	8th New York.....
Fishbur, Benj F.....		K	6th Kan Cavalry.....
Frost, Thos J.....	Corporal.....	I	3d Iowa Cavalry.....
Gregory, Thos.....		K	157th Illinois.....
Gudgell, Robt E.....	1st Sergt.....	I	Mo Cavalry.....
Harper, Samuel S.....	Sergeant.....	B	9th Penn Cavalry.....
Kelley, Oscar O W.....		E	26th Ind Volunteers.....
Loring, Wm G.....		G	3d Mo Cavalry.....
McCort, John.....	Private.....	D	20th Wis Cavalry.....
Macomber, Alonzo.....		L	57th Illinois.....
Montgomery, Jas H.....		B	147th Illinois.....
Nelson, John B.....		A	3d N Y Artillery.....
Pott, Wm.....	Private.....	G	59th Illinois Infantry.....
Richard, W Noble.....	Sergeant.....	F	18th Wisconsin.....
Reed, Louis A.....			
Richard, Thos S.....	Major.....		3d Bat Penn R V C.....
Slover, Wm.....		G	1st Ark Infantry.....
Smith, Louis.....		B	61st Mo Infantry.....
Spencer, Chas.....		B	3d N Y Cavalry.....
Thompson, Chas.....		F	19th Mass Infantry.....
Wash, Ahabb.....		K	4th Iowa Cavalry.....
Winter, John W.....			

John C. Fremont Post No. 21, Hamilton.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	REMARKS.
Adair, Thos	Private	I	2d Mo L A	
Allen, Edward W	Private	C	2d Colorado	
Armstrong, John A .....	.....	.....	.....
Bourgon, Frank	Private	B	51st Ohio	
Bugby, Levi B	Private	C	18th Wisconsin	
Cameron, L	Private	II	28th Illinois	
Clark, W D	Private	A	12th Kansas	
Coen, Simon S	Private	B	1st Nev Infantry	
DeHaven, Edward L .....	.....	.....	U S S Pawnee & Mich Inf	* Disch'ged
Florida, Milton	Private	B	35th New York	
Grant, H U .....	.....	A	2d Wisconsin	
Gregg, O P .....	.....	B	21st Indiana	
Grey, Geo O	Private	C	55th Indiana	
Grover, Jared .....	.....	B	1st Nevada	
Hannon, Geo W	Private	L	11th Kan Cavalry	
Harlan, Wm B .....	.....	I	1st Minn Heavy Art	
Havilin, A J	Private	F	45th Missouri	
Hendrickson, Barton W .....	.....	D	156th Indiana	
Hoffman, Frederick	Private	H	22d Ohio Infantry	
Holt, T J .....	.....	H	48th Mo M	
Humble, John L .....	.....	D	16th Mo Cavalry	
Johnson, Hauman .....	.....	C	10th Illinois	
Lockwood, Manson A	Private	F	5th Vermont	
McCoy, Wm H	Private	D	73d Indiana	
McCracken, Jos	Private	M	9th Penn Cavalry	
Overturf, Jacob B .....	.....	G	14th Iowa Infantry	
Park, W J .....	.....	B	34th Iowa	
Steele, W H .....	.....	G	87th E Mo M	
Tuttle, Henry C .....	.....	.....	3d Ind Bat Minn Cav	
Ward, Geo W	Private	K	76th E Mo M	
Wardell, Wm	Private	D	4th Kansas	
Wiles, Edward B .....	.....	E	1st Colo Cavalry	
Wilkerson, Andrew .....	.....	.....	.....

* Dishonorably discharged.

Burnside Post No. 22, Phillipsburg.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.	DIED.
Allison, W S	Private	F	11th Minn Volunteers....	
Bussy, Jos.....	Private	D	173d Ohio.....	
Comstock, A V.....	Private	H	2d Colo Cavalry	
Cogill, Latham	Private			
Davis, Peter	Private			
Degenhart, Len C	Private	F	6th Wis Infantry	
Eggleston, H J	Private	K	3d Wis Infantry	
Fletcher, Samuel H.....	Private	A	2d Illinois Cavalry	
Gaisey, John	Private	D	2d Illinois Light Art.....	
Gaskell, Benj F.....	Private	K	72d Indiana	
Gillis, A D	Private	F	3d Wis Infantry.....	
Jenkins, Geo W.....	Private	N	2d Iowa Cavalry.....	
Johnson, H O.....	Private	H	9th Ind Infantry	
Kennedy, Andrew	Private	G	16th N Y Volunteers	
Lee, Jas	Private	C	2d Penn Artillery	
Matthews, Jerome.....	Private	L	10th N Y Heavy Art.....	
Neff, Patrick J	Private	F	2d N Y Artillery.....	
Pardee, J R.....	Private	A	2d Ohio Cavalry	
Parkman, Russell.....	Private	H	6th Me Infantry.....	
Pence Lawrence	Private	H	15th U S Infantry	
Pennell, Edward O.....	Private	C	11th Me Infantry.....	
Perriman, John A	Private	I	2d Mo Light Art.....	
Powell, Elijah.....	Private	D	100th Penn Infantry.....	
Reimbam, R T.....	Private	A	1st Mo Infantry.....	
Riley, Jas E				March 1892.
Selders, Robt				March 1894.
Sharp, Morris.....	Private	E	116th Penn Infantry.....	
Sprague, Samuel.....	Private	C	2d Wis Infantry.....	

Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Abbott, Theo.....	Private	A	9th N Y Infantry
Apger, Milo B.....	Private	I	9th Minn Infantry
Ayres, J Henry	Private	E	1st Mich Artillery
Bowdish, John D.....	Private	D	4th N Y Artillery
Burgoyne, C E	Private	A	5th Mich Infantry
Burnham, Eugene M .....	.....		U S Navy
Burton, Henry W	Private	E	8th Mo State Militia
Christy, Thos.....	Private	A	11th Penn Cavalry
Davis, John A.....	Private	K	7th Mich Infantry
Dunn, Victor E.....	Private	C	34th Ohio Infantry
Eaton, Jas D	Sergeant.....	M	10th Ky Cavalry
Elmer, Jas	Private	C	17th Iowa Infantry
Emmerson, Wm P.....	Private	K	8th Me Infantry
Ford, Jas A	Private	G	32d Ohio Infantry.....
Force, Nelson K.....	Private	C	37th Ind Infantry
Fullerton, Henry C.....	Private	B	9th Illinois Infantry.....
Gregg, Elijah K.....	Private	C	59th Ind Infantry
Gregg, Wm H.....	Private	D	21st Ind Infantry
Hague, Lewis C.....	Private	C	43d Mo Infantry
Haake, Edward.....	Private	B	3d Mo Infantry
Jarnagin, Albert H	Private	D	8th Mo Cavalry
Johnson, J W.....	Private	B	45th Iowa Infantry.....
Judge, Thos M.....	Private	E	14th Illinois Infantry ..
Ketchum, Alsah.....	Private	C	4th Mich Infantry.....
Kosers, Franklin B	Private	D	1st Colo Cavalry
Lee, Chas	Private		1st Eng Corps Minn
Lloyd, John	Private	D	4th Mich Cavalry.....
Loring, Lyman.....	Private	G	4th Wis Cavalry
Lundy, Nathan.....	Private	B	3d Iowa Cavalry
Lyons, Chas M.....	Private	I	136th N Y Infantry
McGillighan, Joseph.....	Private	D	46th Illinois Infantry....
McGuire, Thos	Private	B	14th U S Infantry
McKay, Arthur T	Private	C	10th Minn Infantry
Mann, David	Private	B	6th Iowa Infantry
Mann, Owen	Private	M	11th Kan Cavalry
Madden, Elwood	Private	I	18th Ohio Infantry
Myers, John.....	Private	G	110th N Y Infantry
Noonan, Jas	Private	B	7th Vt I
Palmer, Robt C.....	Sergeant.....	H	1st Wis Infantry
Parsons, Oscar A.....	Private	F	152d Ind Infantry.....
Plume, David J.....	Sergeant.....	D	2d Mo Cavalry.....
Plume Wm J	Private	A	115th Ind Infantry
Poole, Jas A.....	.....	A	1st Neb Cavalry
Rollins, R A	Private	K	17th Ind Infantry
Schoenfeldt, O W	Private	L	3d Wis Cavalry.....
Sherer, Alfred L.....	Private	I	4th Wis Cavalry
Sparks, Wm J.....	Private ..	G	2d Neb Cavalry
Stewart Jos T.....	Private	L	9th Tenn Cavalry.....
Treat, Albert L.....	Private	E	46th Mass Infantry
Wart, Robt.....	.....	F	176th Ohio Infantry.....
Weiser, John	Wagoner	C	48th Ind Infantry
Yenne, Geo M.....	.....	C	14th Ind Infantry.....

Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls.

NAME.	RANK.	CO.	SERVICE.
Burgoyne, C E	Private	H	5th Mich Infantry
Carroll, Thos	Corporal	G	3d U S Idfantry
Conklin, H F .....	.....	.....	.....
Conklin, J B	Ord. Sergt. ....	.....	117th U S Infantry
Clayton, Thos	Private	D	101st Ind Infantry
Davis, J F	Landsman .....	.....	U S Navy
Garr, H H	Private	F	23d N Y Volunteers
Hirrick, W H	Sergeant	F	72d Illinois
Hooper, J W	Corporal	K	151st Illinois Infantry
Miller, H A	Private	H	12th Iowa Infantry
O'Brine, Thos	Private	G	8th Ind Cavalry
Schrater, N J .....	.....	.....	.....
Snider, D H	Corporal	H	2d Penn Infantry
Sprague, J E .....	.....	.....	.....
Sweet, R B	Private	H	24th Iowa
Tate, R F	Private	G	11th Ohio Volunteers
Watts, J S	Private	G	6th Iowa Cavalry

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

FOR 1896.

Commander, - - LESTER S. WILLSON
BOZEMAN.
Senior Vice-Commander, - F. GEORGE HELDT
GREAT FALLS.
Junior Vice-Commander, - LYMAN LORING
KALISPEL.
Medical Director, - IRVIN M. ROCKEFELLER
ANACONDA.
Chaplain, - - GEORGE W. JENKINS
STEVENSVILLE.

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED 1885.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General, - BENJAMIN F. OSBORN
BOZEMAN.
Assistant Quartermaster General, - HENRY T. BEVAN
HELENA.
Judge Advocate, - - TIMOTHY O'LEARY
ANACONDA.
Inspector, - - - WM. H. H. DICKINSON
MISSOULA.
Chief Mustering Officer, - SAMUEL H. ALMAN
BUTTE.

Council of Administration.

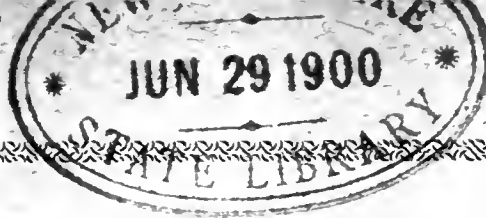
JOSEPH M. LINDLEY, of William English Post.
WILLIAM H. YEATON, of Farragut Post.
JOSEPHUS RICH, of Steadman Post.
A. E. GLOYD, of Frank Blair Post.
JAMES GIBSON, of Sheridan Post.

Representatives to National Encampment.

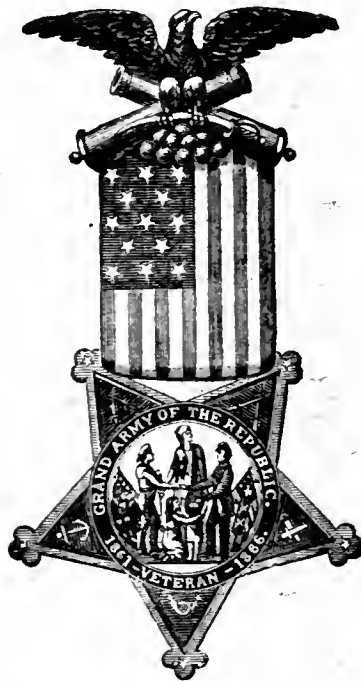
THADEUS C. DAVIDSON, - Anaconda. CHARLES B. MILLER, - - Helena.

Alternates.

WM. H. H. DICKINSON, - Missoula. JAMES B. LOOMIS, - - Helena.



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Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Anaconda, Montana, April 7, 1897.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 5, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met at the hall of George G. Meade Post No. 16, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Encampment opened in due form with prayer by Chaplain Jenkins.

General Orders convening the Encampment were read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Roll of officers called.

The Department Commander appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

BENJAMIN F. OSBORN.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS.

JOHN S. WISNER.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS.

P. J. NEFF.

W. P. RODEBANK.

Ed. S. Walker was appointed as assistant to the A. A. General. Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Commander—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that we have examined the credentials presented and find that the following named Comrades are entitled to vote at this Encampment:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander Lester S. Willson.*
 Senior Vice Commander F. Geo. Heldt.*
 Junior Vice Commander Lyman Loring.
 Medical Director Irvin M. Rockefeller.*
 Judge Advocate Timothy O'Leary.*
 Inspector Wm. H. H. Dickinson.*
 Chief Mustering Officer Samuel H. Almon*
 Chaplain Geo. W. Jenkins*
 Assistant Adjutant General Benj. F. Osborn.*
 Assistant Quartermaster General... Henry T. Bevan*

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Joseph M. Lindley.*
 Josephus Rich.*
 A. E. Gloyd.*
 James Gibson.
 Wm. H. Yeaton.*

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Thaddeus C. Davidson.*
 Chas. B. Miller.*

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thomas P. Fuller.	Charles S. Warren.	Ela C. Waters.
Junius G. Sanders.*	James E. Calloway.	Ed. F. Ferris.
Harry C. Kessler.	John L. Sloane.	J. O. Gregg.
Peter R. Dolman.*	Robert E. Fisk.	

LINCOLN POST NO. 2, BUTTE—52 MEMBERS.

Representatives.
 P. H. Manchester.*
 J. A. Baker.*
 W. H. Black.*

Alternates.
 Thos. Boyle.

Past Commanders.

Peter R. Dolman.*
 James D. Jenks.*
 Charles S. Warren.
 Harry C. Kessler.
 C. S. Shoemaker.*
 W. P. Rodebank.*
 Commander, J. B. Glover.*

Levi E. Holmes.*
 John Railey.
 J. H. Jackson.*
 James E. Dowd.*
 John B. Scott.
 B. N. Beebe.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3, HELENA—133 MEMBERS.

Representatives.
 John R. Hillman.*
 Wm. Potter.
 C. B. Miller.*
 D. L. Miles.
 L. D. Beary.

Alternates.
 Charles Horn.
 A. C. Votaw.
 H. S. Taft.*
 Geo. H. Piatt.
 John Workman.

Past Commanders.

Thomas P. Fuller.
 Robert C. Wallace.*
 Junius G. Sanders.*
 George W. Shaw.
 H. F. C. Kleinschmidt.
 Robert E. Fisk.

Ed. S. Walker.*
 F. P. Sterling.
 R. A. Craig.
 Charles F. Gage.
 T. H. Kleinschmidt.*

James H. Mills, Past Commander Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 4.
 Samuel K. Fishel, Past Commander John Bufort Post No. 1.
 A. S. Kellogg, Past Commander J. B. McPherson Post No. 13.
 L. Whitney, Past Commander John A. Logan Post No. 15.
 Commander, S. A. Swiggette;* Post Commander, James B. Loomis.*

CUSTER POST NO. 5, SHERIDAN.

Representative.
 Simeon Deno.

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6, VIRGINIA CITY—15 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

A. B. Knight.*
H. S. Howell.*

Alternates.

John M. King.
E. A. Fletcher.

Past Commanders.

James E. Calloway.
Henry N. Blake.
Stephen Gainan.*
Eugene Stark.
John B. Carruthers.
Thomas P. Cox.

John H. Davis.
Jas. B. Howe.
Samuel Page.
A. E. Gloyd.*
H. L. Childs.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7, LIVINGSTON—29 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

George Gear
John M. Dodge.*

Alternates.

A. E. Owens.
J. N. Sample.

Past Commanders.

F. W. Wright.
Pierce Hoopes.
John Skillen.
Geo. T. Chambers.*
H. J. Hoope.

Thomas J. Mains.
A. B. Hicks.
Wm. H. Yeaton.*
N. Ebert.
Post Commander, James F. Lawrence.*

STEADMAN POST NO. 8, DILLON—15 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Chris. Darmtzer.*
Thos. M. O'Conner.

Alternates.

Past Commanders.

Thomas Loughbridge.
Benjamin Bond.
Otho Klemm.

Josephus Rich.*
Frederick Hopp.*

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10, BOZEMAN—38 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

R. M. Whitefoot.
Jesse Lambert.

Alternates.

J. C. Lamb.
W. S. Matthew.*

Past Commanders.

Ed. F. Ferris.
J. M. Lindley.*
B. F. Osborn.*
W. Y. Smith.
J. A. McElroy.
Chas. E. Lancaster.

J. H. Nixon.
L. S. Willson.*
T. M. Pierce.
Chas. H. Sprague.
A. J. Edsall.
Post Commander, Henry Hellinger.

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11, MISSOULA—21 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

W. H. H. Dickinson.*
William Landers.

Alternates.

John L. Sloane.
Chas. A. Lombard.

Past Commanders.

John L. Sloane.
W. H. H. Dickinson.*
C. W. Lombard.
W. E. Bancroft.

Andrew Moore.
Samuel Bellew.
Wm. Landers.
Post Commander, L. W. Grantier.

THOMAS L. KANE POST NO. 12, GLENDIVE—12 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Alternates.

Past Commanders.

M. P. Wyman.
Charles N. Smith.
John Bamber.

James McCormick.
James S. Almy.
Post Commander, _____

U. S. GRANT POST NO. 14, MILES CITY—9 MEMBERS.

Representative.

Geo. B. Silverberg.

Post Commander.

Charles Young.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16, ANACONDA—32 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

John Hallahan.*

W. N. Wright.*

Alternates.

John Cannovan.*

W. S. Whitely.*

Past Commanders.

T. C. Davidson.*

J. S. Wisner.*

N. H. Morely.*

A. B. Gates.

Post Commander, E. A. Waterbury.*

A. Short.*

John Barry.*

Roger Edwards.*

Eber Golder.*

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18, GREAT FALLS—50 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

W. C. McBratney.

Ira Ingraham.

R. P. Harbold.

Alternates.

C. H. Robinson.

D. W. Beecher.

Willis Leach.

Past Commanders.

F. Geo. Heldt.*

J. O. Gregg.

Frank Coombs.

Post Commander, John Mohs.

P. H. Hughes.

John A. Clark.

W. H. Safford.*

JAS. A. SHIELDS POST NO. 19, LEWISTOWN—20 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Alternates.

Past Commanders.

Samuel Harper.
Thomas J. Frost.
James Reid.
Richard W. Noble.

John McCourt.
B. H. Bowman.
Thomas J. Gregory.
Post Commander, _____

JOHN C. FREMONT NO. 21, HAMILTON—10 MEM- BERS

Representatives.

Alternates.

Past Commanders.

W. B. Harland.
Post Commander, _____

Frederick Hoffman.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 22, PHILIPSBURG—19 MEM- BERS.

Representatives.

Alternates.

Elijah Powell.*
A. L. Castle.*

Samuel Sprague.
Lawrence Spence.

Past Commanders.

James K. Pardee.
Morris Sharpe.
Post Commander, L. C. Dagenhart.*

Wm. T. Allison.
P. J. Neff.*

NAT LYON POST NO. 23, KALISPEL—31 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Jacob Billings.

W. P. Emerson.

Alternates.

J. D. Eaton.

J. H. Ayres.

Past Commanders.

D. J. Plume.

R. C. Palmer.

R. A. Rollins.

Lyman Loring.

W. J. Sparks.

Post Commander, W. J. Plume.

G. B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 24.

H. H. Garr.

MOODY POST NO. 25, ENNIS—10 MEMBERS.

Representative.

Geo. W. Burns.

Alternate.

John Woodworth.

Past Commander.

A. N. Bull.*

Post Commander, John Ormiston.

Note.—Those marked with a (*) were present.

We also recommend that representatives from Posts other than the Post where the Encampment is held, be entitled to cast the votes of the absent representatives as the majority of them shall direct.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

BENJ. F. OSBORN.

JUNIUS G. SANDERS.

JOHN S. WISNER.

Report adopted as read.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was then read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Order of Business for the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of

the Republic, respectfully report and recommend the following to be the Order of Business for the Encampment:

1. Opening of Department Encampment in due form.
2. Calling Roll of Officers.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
5. Calling Roll of Members.
6. Report of Officers, beginning with that of Department Commander.
7. Appointment of proper number of Committees, of three each, to whom shall be referred the reports of Officers.
8. Reception and Reference of Communications from Posts, to be called according to seniority.
9. Reception and Reference of Communications from Individuals.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. New Business.
13. Good of the Order.
14. Election and Installation of Officers.
15. Closing Exercises.

This Order of Business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Encampment, the vote to be taken on motion for such purpose without debate.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JUNIUS G. SANDERS.

P. J. NEFF.

W. P. RODEBANK.

Recess taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. .

Encampment called to order by Department Commander.

Roll of Encampment called.

The address of the Department Commander was read and referred to the following committee: P. R. Dolman, James H. Mills and Frederick Hopp.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—We meet in this beautiful and prosperous city, our annual gathering, making the thirteenth camping ground in our march to join the forces gone before. The earnest greetings, one with another, give evidence of a comradeship not known in other organizations. We answer to the roll call once more, earnest in the prosecution of the business that is before us, but lovingly and sacredly to renew our fraternal relations and to celebrate Appomattox Day. The day that transferred us from soldiers to citizens, and for more than thirty years our attention has been diverted from the strife of arms, our avocations have been those of peace, "our stern alarms changed to merry meetings." But who shall say that our organization has not furnished the nation the best of citizens, the noblest lessons of self-sacrifice and the grandest examples of civic obedience?

My duty for the hour is to render an accounting of stewardship. One year ago you elected me your Commander, the greatest honor ever accorded me, and I can never be so highly honored again. It came in such a unanimous and generous spirit that no words of mine were adequate to express my appreciation, and at this time I can only say my thanks are due, and humbly tendered to one and all of you for the confidence imposed and for the cordial and generous support you have given me. My accounting is not as satisfactory as I had hoped it might be, when I assumed the office. My purpose was to visit every Post in the Department, but circumstances over which I had no control has prevented this. I have, however, been permitted to visit good old Wadsworth Post two or three times, Frank Blair Post once, and assisted in mustering Moody Post No. 25. A business trip to Philipsburg enabled me to meet many of the Comrades of Burnside Post, and at the laying of the cornerstone of the Soldiers' Home I met many of the Comrades of both

Nat Lyons and George B. McClellan Posts. In meeting with these several Posts and Comrades the greetings were of that loyal and earnest nature only found in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your earnest consideration to the reports of Staff Officers will assure you that their duties have been performed in perfect good order and with the best interest of the Department, their main object and purpose. It is with the utmost pleasure that I am able to accord to one and all, without distinction, the best of service, capable, earnest and with perfect loyalty.

The labors of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General have of necessity been greater than those of the other members of the Staff, and their reports will give you full information of their work. I am glad to state that through the efforts of the Assistant Quartermaster General our finances have been kept on the right side of the ledger, and the Adjutant is able to record a net gain in our numbers of 47 and a gain of two Posts. Our standing has been maintained at National Headquarters, and I am able to turn the Department over to my successor unimpaired and in good running order. The thanks of this Encampment are due to all the Staff Officers, but more especially to those who have served in executive capacities.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This auxiliary is a strength indeed to our organization, and too much cannot be said of their efforts to assist us. The Department Corps has been most ably commanded in the past year, and evidence has come to me that without the aid and support of this auxiliary one or more of our Posts might have fallen. As well with their love and sympathy, they are ever ready to lend their efforts in making Memorial Day a most impressive and instructive holiday. Aiding in maintaining it in all of its sacredness and purity, comforting the sick and giving substantial aid to all of our undertakings. Bless the Woman's Relief Corps, and may we never forget their earnest and unselfish endeavors in our behalf.

SONS OF VETERANS.

The time is not far distant when they will have to represent us. They are "to the manor born" our natural successors. In many of the States this organization is a strong arm of the Order. To these we shall leave the inheritance of the "blue." They must

represent us when we shall have marched over to the other side. Loyalty, patriotism, love of the Old Flag is their portion by right, and we trust that it will be augmented in their hands, and I hope camps may soon be established in every town in the State.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

Financial difficulties have not only embarrassed individuals, but Commonwealths as well, and ours is no exception. But by earnest efforts and well-timed labor of the Soldiers' Home Board appropriations and donations have been so managed that the Home is an assured fact. A model building has been constructed, and it only remains to be equipped. Under the law the purchase of equipment and supplies is a matter requiring patience, and I fear may result in instances of long suffering, but every purchase must be made under contract. Advertisements have been prepared, and it is earnestly hoped that the Home will be opened for the reception of inmates by the first of June next.

The Department Commander is only an ex-officio member of this Board, and therefore serves but one year. The other members are appointed for a term of years. They are all Grand Army men, giving assurance that careful and economic measures will be pursued and the best interests of the soldier sought and maintained. My short service on the Board gives me opportunity to know that the regularly appointed members are men of good judgment and are doing their work faithfully.

The Legislature, at its last session, appropriated funds sufficient to equip and start the Home but at a late meeting of the Board of Examiners this sum was cut down \$2,000 by reason of larger sums being appropriated than the revenues of the State would cover. This only allows \$3,000 to put the Home in running order, a sum altogether too small, but I have the confidence to believe that the Board in some way will find funds with which to complete the work. Without doubt they will be obliged to call for aid from the Woman's Relief Corps, and we know how earnestly and generously they respond to such calls. I am assured that already many of the Corps have money raised for this purpose.

THE THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department was well represented, an occasion long to be

remembered by those participating. The citizens of St. Paul seemed to vie with each other as to who could do the most for the visiting Comrades. Every effort possible was made for their entertainment and comfort. The efforts of the ladies were beyond those of any previous Encampment, concerts, receptions and flowers wherever you went, and as free as the sparkling waters of their beautiful and world-renowned Minnehaha. Decorations and illuminations throughout the entire city that beggars description.

Our Department had thirty-two stalwart men in line, I believe the largest number ever present at a National Encampment, and I trust I may be allowed the egotism in saying that their soldierly appearance and commanding presence was not excelled by any other body of men present. An honor that fell to us during the march I may not fail to note. We were halted opposite a point and near where Mrs. John A. Logan was viewing the parade. It gave us the opportunity to salute her, which was done by a "three times three," in a spirit and feeling only known to the old soldier.

MEMORIAL DAY.

As the years roll on we realize an increased and growing interest in this solemn and sacred holiday. The inclination to make it a day for unseemly and riotous sports seems to be passing away. The interest taken by the young, and especially school children, gives evidence that this is soon to be one of the most sacred and highly honored of all holidays. And as we march down to the river, biding the time when ours may be the mound over which the Memorial service may be performed, let us not forget to touch elbows, to practice all the precepts of our Order, doing our duty manfully to the end.

Comrades, our work for this year is nearly completed. I hope my efforts "for the good of the Order" may not have been in vain, that some good, not realized at this time, may come of it; and when your duty here is performed, and you return to your several homes, may you take with you new resolves and a stronger faith in Him who watched over you in the hot flame of battle, and has not deserted you unto this day. As your Commander, I say farewell! As your Comrade I am with you for duty, until the bugle shall sound the last call.

LESTER S. WILLSON,
Commander.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Headquarters, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Anaconda, April 7, 1896.

To the Thirteenth Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Montana—Owing to the fact that the Department Commander has attended so closely to his duties, not leaving his Post for a single day, there has been no active duty for the Senior Vice, and he, therefore, has nothing upon which to make a report. The Commander is responsible for this, and you must lay the blame to him, while on the contrary, I most cordially tender to him my most sincere thanks. The Department, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has run as smooth and lovely under the present administration as a honeymoon. There has been no kicks, complaints, or dissatisfaction from any source whatever, and I believe it is the universal verdict of the Department that the retiring Commander is deserving of the highest compliment this Encampment can bestow.

Respectfully, in F. C. and L.,

F. GEO. HELDT,

Senior Vice-Commander.

Junior Vice-Commander absent and no report.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Stevensville, Montana, April 5, 1897.

Lester S. Willson, Commander Department Montana, G. A. R.
and Comrades:

We have completed another annual campaign in the contest of life and reached our yearly camping ground. The campaign has, doubtless, had its vicissitudes and has not been without some reverses and has demanded constant courage to avoid defeat; even then there have been times when we hung on the very edge of disaster and despair till the Sheridan of our crisis came to the rescue, and we rallied and snatched victory out of the arms of

defeat while pushing forward the lines of our destiny by the help of Divine Providence. Well, the warfare is nearing its close and the general amnesty of peace to our mortal strivings will soon be issued and we shall be discharged, let us hope honorably, and granted a place among the fallen heroes on the other shore.

"Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

I have not had the pleasure of much association with comrades during the past year and have greatly missed it, but at the same time my correspondence with the various officers and members of the Department has kept me in touch with all, so that I felt that I was, at least, still in line, and perhaps the skirmish line too, among the scattered veterans on the Grand Army field of Montana, and with you, my comrades, I have endeavored to fill my part of the line faithfully, as a good soldier should.

There being no Post at Stevensville, where I live, I have connected myself with Fred Winthrop Post, No. 11, of Missoula, thus severing my relation to Lincoln Post of Butte, which, I can truly say, I did with many regrets, which seemed to be reciprocated by the Comrades of that excellent Post.

As we thus go into quarters for our annual furlough, we may well recall our earlier experiences when we entered "Winter Quarters." You remember the many joys realized as we engaged in the sports of the camp. You remember the Sutler and his worse than India rubber conscience, as he dealt out to us in dribblets, at enormous prices, his wares, and also that his elasticity of scrupulousness became contagious, and some were so unfortunate as to catch it and slip away in forgetfulness to pay, and how difficult it was to identify the party involved.

Then the molasses cake, who can ever forget the exquisite pleasure as we devoured the coveted sections of that grand article of diet only to be enjoyed in camp? Then the chats about the camp fire and the numerous devices to fill up the passing hours and break the monotony of the scene, and also the "Divine Service," as it was called at Headquarters when it was announced, which, though seemingly unique amid our surroundings then, had a salutary effect in recalling our minds to our duty to friends at home, as well as to our God.

Then, when we were in camp, none can forget the avidity with which we read the newspapers, to learn how the strife was going and where the strokes had fallen with most decisive power.

Then again, who can ever forget the letters traced by the pen

in loving hands at home, that came like soothing ointment to our hearts and the exquisite pleasure of answering these missives?

Then who can ever forget the day when he heard, in orders issued: "You will report at Headquarters and deliver your arms and be discharged," which will ever be treasured in memory as an epoch in every soldier's life, most thrilling as it seemed, like a new lease of existence?

I sent out in time for reports from the several Posts of the Department. Circular letters and answers were received from many of them, but not all. In many instances possibly the Posts are inactive, and therefore there was much difficulty in securing the proper data. The following reports were received:

Lincoln Post No. 2, John Raley, Chaplain, reports two deaths. One Comrade, Ezra M. Alderman, paralysis of the stomach, aged 53 years, veteran of the 36th Indiana Infantry; and George W. Woodcock, an old soldier, whose wife died within a half hour of his death, leaving two little boys penniless, but not friendless.

Thomas L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive, reported, by Adjutant James McCormick: Two deaths of old soldiers, not members of our Order, W. H. Witter (command unknown) and John Imgriend, Private Co. A, 25th New Jersey Infantry.

Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls, J. C. Epler, Chaplain, reported three deaths: Two members of the Order, George W. Armstrong, Co. D, 20th Ohio Infantry, and Washington Muggy (command not given); Elwin B. Ney, not a member, and Roland McDougall, not a member.

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, George H. Piatt, Adjutant, reported two deaths: Sebastian Richard, Private, Co. E, Kimball's Missouri Militia, and Richard Hoback, Sergeant 2nd Minnesota Cavalry. The former died May 21, 1896, and the latter July 16, 1896.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston, Samuel Guyser, Chaplain, reported two deaths: Alonzo Harris and Louis C. LaBarre, the latter by drowning.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon, Thomas Loughridge, Chaplain, reported no deaths, but gave a complete report of the Decoration exercises, which were carried out in full.

Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula, was reported in like manner by W. H. H. Dickinson, Chaplain.

John C. Freemont Post No. 21, Hamilton, O. P. Gregg, Chaplain, reported one death—Frank Burgan.

B. F. Fishburn, Chaplain of James A. Shield Post No. 19, Lewistown, and W. T. Allison, Adjutant Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg, each reported no deaths of comrades or old soldiers.

Thus the grand march continues, and yet the mortality among us is comparatively light in this Department, and we have abundant reason for gratitude to God for His providence over us and ours.

GEO. W. JENKINS,
Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Anaconda, Montana, April 7, 1897.

L. S. Willson, Commander Department of Montana, G. A. R.

My Dear Sir and Comrade—In accordance with the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to herewith submit the annual report of this office, showing the condition of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Number of members in good standing December 31, 1895	473
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Gains during first term—

By muster in	55
By transfer	9
By reinstatement	16
By reinstatements from delinquent reports.	16

Total gain first term	96
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Aggregate	569
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Losses during first term—

By death	3
By honorable discharge	1
By transfer	4
By suspension	17

Total loss during term	25
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Remaining in good standing June 30, 1896.	544
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Net gain during first term	71
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Gains during second term—	
By muster in	27
By transfer	3
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Total gain	30
Aggregate	574
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Losses during second term—	
By death	2
By honorable discharge	1
By transfer	7
By suspension	44
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Total loss during second term	54
Number remaining in good standing Decem- ber 31, 1896	520
Net gain during the year	47
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There was a gain of three Posts during the year by muster and one lost by suspension.

The new Posts are: Geo. B. McClellan Post No. 25, at Columbia Falls, mustered March, 1896; U. S. Grant Post No. 14, at Miles City, and Moody Post No. 25, at Ennis, Madison county, August, 1896. U. S. Grant Post No. 14 was mustered in by our able and efficient Department Inspector, W. H. H. Dickinson, and allowed to take the name and number of the former Post at Miles City.

G. K. Warren Post No. 20, at Fort Benton, has not made any report to this office for the last year. Their dues were remitted for one year, at the last Encampment, and during the year past there has been no report, and they were suspended in the report of the second term of this office. About two weeks ago Comrade John C. Duff wrote that they were about to have a meeting, and hoped to square up with the Department, but nothing has been heard since.

Custer Post No. 5, at Sheridan, failed to report for the second term of 1896, but the Department paid their dues, and I would respectfully ask this Encampment to remit the same.

The amount reported to this office as expended for relief during the year is \$101.45.

To Officers and Comrades of the Department I give thanks for the uniform courtesy that has been extended. And, Com-

mander, fully appreciating the honor of the appointment you have conferred, and notwithstanding the badge incident at St. Paul during the grand parade, I shall always remember with pleasure the kindly and fraternal relations that have existed during our official connection.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,
 BENJ. F. OSBORN,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
 Helena, Montana, April 7, 1897.

Lester S. Willson, Commander.

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report as Assistant Quartermaster General, from April 9, 1896, to April 7, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 9, 1896	\$ 45.73
Received from Quartermaster's supplies sold.	34.72
Received from Post charters	20.00
Received from per capita tax posts	513.80
Total	<u>\$614.25</u>

EXPENDITURES.

For Quartermaster's supplies purchased	\$ 63.55
For expressage paid	15.59
For salary Assistant Adjutant General	100.00
For salary Assistant Quartermaster General ..	100.00
For publishing roster of Department Officers.	10.00
For Headquarters, expense National Encampment	17.23
For per capita tax, National Encampment...	13.35
For stamps and stationery	21.25
For printing general orders and circulars	18.05
For printing headquarters, stationery and expenses	<u>58.25</u>

For publishing proceedings and Department roster	\$119.30
For express on banner to St. Paul and return..	5.25
For Department badges	17.00
For express on banner to Anaconda	1.00
Total	\$559.82
Leaving balance on hand	54.43
Total	\$614.25

I submit herewith statements showing in detail receipts and expenditures marked Exhibit "A" and "B:"

EXHIBIT "A."

RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST	No.	PER CAPITA TAX 1896		CHARTERS	Q. M. SUPPLIES
		June 30	Dec. 31		
Lincoln	2	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	.....	\$11.80
Wadsworth	3	67.00	66.50	.....	.....
Custer	5	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Frank Blair	6	7.50	7.50	.....	.....
Farragut	7	14.50	11.50	.....	.....
Steadman	8	7.50	7.50	.....	.....
William English ...	10	24.00	19.00	.....	.....
Fred Winthrop	11	9.00	10.50	.....	5.12
Thomas L. Kane ...	12	6.00	6.00	.....	.....
U. S. Grant	14	6.50	4.50	\$10.00	3.50
George G. Meade ..	16	14.00	16.00	.....	4.75
Sheridan	18	27.50	25.00	.....	.....
James A. Shields ..	19	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
G. K. Warren	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
John C. Fremont ..	21	6.00	5.00	.....	.....
Burnsides	22	10.00	9.50	.....	4.75
Nat Lyons	23	15.50	15.50	.....	2.90
G. B. McClellan ...	24	6.80	8.00	.....	.....
Moody	25	.....	5.00	10.00	1.90
		\$260.80	\$253.00	\$20.00	\$34.72
Per capita from Posts					\$513.80
From charters					20.00
From supplies sold					34.72
On hand April 9, 1896					45.73
Total					\$614.25

EXHIBIT "B."

EXPENDITURES.

Date, 1896.

Apr. 10—A. J. Burbank, Q. M. supplies	\$ 19.10
Apr. 16—M. Wells, typewriting	4.00
Apr. 18—H. T. Bevan, itemized expense account	9.30
Apr. 20—Bozeman Chronicle, printing G. O. No. 2 ..	3.00
Apr. 25—Jessie Fowler, typewriting proceedings	15.00
May 4—Osborn Drug Co., ink and stamps	2.25
May 4—Avant Courier, printing G. O. No. 1	1.50
May 4—Bozeman Chronicle, printing G. O. No. 3 ..	3.50
May 5—Helena Independent, on account of stationery	20.00
May 9—R. E. Campbell, over draft on requisition...	1.15
May 9—Helena Book and Stationery Co., rent of type- writer and paper	2.00
May 16—A. J. Burbank, Q. M. supplies	9.85
June 26—H. T. Bevan, first quarter salary	25.00
June 29—Helena Independent, balance on stationery.	18.00
June 30—B. F. Osborn, first quarter salary	25.00
July 10—A. J. Burbank, per capita tax, 544 members.	6.85
July 17—J. C. VanHook, engrossing resolutions	10.00
Aug. 1—C. K. Wels, stationery	1.80
Aug 11—Jessie Fowler, typewriting roster	6.00
Aug. 11—Kate Rademaker, rent of typewriter	1.50
Aug. 26—B. F. Osborn, second quarter salary	25.00
Aug. 29—H. T. Bevan, account salary	40.00
Aug. 29—H. T. Bevan, itemized expense account	8.33
Sept. 15—H. T. Bevan, expense on banner to St. Paul and return	5.25
Sept. 15—Independent Publishing Co., 300 copies De- partment roster	10.00
Oct. 2—Avant Courier, printing G. O. No. 4	4.50
Nov. 11—G. N. Express Co., express on proceedings..	1.85
Nov. 11—N. P. Express, express on proceedings	5.95
Nov. 16—Independent Publishing Co., on account pro- ceedings Department Encampment	40.00
Dec. 24—A. J. Burbank, Q. M. supplies	12.40
Dec. 31—Lester S. Willson, Department expense Na- tional Headquarters	17.23
Dec. 31—B. F. Osborn, third quarter salary	25.00

Jan. 2—Independent Publishing Co., balance on publishing proceedings	\$57.80
Jan. 9—H. T. Bevan, balance salary third quarter..	10.00
Jan. 14—A. J. Burbank, per capita tax National Headquarters	6.10
Jan. 14—Avant Courier, printing circulars and resolutions	2.70
Dec. 14—H. T. Bevan, on account of fourth quarter salary	25.00
Jan. 14—H. T. Bevan, itemized expense account	9.50
Jan. 18—N. P. Express Co., per capita tax on re-written report .....	.51
Mar. 2—A. J. Burbank, Q. M. supplies	21.05
Mar. 12—Avant Courier, printing G. O. No. 5	2.85
Mar. 15—C. K. Wels, stationery	1.00
Mar. 15—J. S. Wisner, account Department badges ..	17.00
Mar. 15—B. F. Osborn, fourth quarter salary	25.00
Apr. 3—G. N. Express, express on banner to Anaconda	1.00
Apr. 3—Balance cash on hand	54.43
Total	<u>\$614.25</u>

Consolidating the reports of the Posts for the two terms of 1896, I find—

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand December 31, 1895	\$ 528.01
Cash received from all sources.....	3,038.35
Total	<u>\$3,566.36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid per capita tax to Department	\$ 532.00
Paid for relief from Post funds	167.30
Transferred to relief funds	100.95
All other disbursements	2,080.03
Balance cash on hand	686.08
Total	<u>\$3,566.36</u>

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY, AS SHOWN BY REPORTS.

Cash balance Post funds	\$ 686.08
Cash balance relief fund	97.97
Value of real estate of Posts	700.00
Cash invested on flags, furniture, etc.	1,283.56
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Total	\$2,767.61

G. K. Warren Post No. 20 has failed to report the past year, the Committee on Printing not being able to get from them a roster of their Post.

Custer Post No. 5 is in arrears for their December 31, 1896, per capita tax, but as they are the smallest Post in the Department, and no doubt struggling for existence, I recommend that their last quarter's dues be remitted and they be encouraged to continue.

The rest of the Posts have all made their semi-annual reports and seem to be prospering. All bills against the Department have been paid. George B. McClellan Post No. 24 still owes the Department \$18.89 on first bill of supplies to establish Post. I would recommend that the Department take some action as authorized by the last National Encampment in reference to "Picket Posts." It seems to me that in all of the places where Posts have surrendered their charters there might be a Picket established, the members of which would at least be willing to pay the per capita tax in order to remain members of the G. A. R. in good standing. We must do something in order to maintain, as long as possible, our present membership, otherwise we cannot exist as a Department, as you see it has taken almost our entire receipts to pay our current expenses the past year.

Thanking you, Commander and Staff, as well as the Post Officers with whom I have had correspondence, for uniform courtesy and kindness during the past year, I remain

Yours respectfully in F. C. and L.,

HENRY T. BEVAN,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Anaconda, Montana, April 7, 1897.

General Lester S. Willson, Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic.

Sir—I have the honor to submit the following report as the work performed by the Judge Advocate during the past term:

Only one question was submitted for decision. Wadsworth Post asked, through the Assistant Adjutant General: "Is it lawful for a Post, by its By-Laws, to establish a schedule of fees and dues to be paid by non-resident applicants and members different from that required from those who reside within the jurisdiction of the Post?"

To which the following reply and ruling was made:

Anaconda, Montana, May 25, 1896.

Col. Benj. F. Osborn, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to reply to your communication of the 23d instant, transmitting an inquiry from Wadsworth Post No. 3, for decision:

Opinion No. 1—Section 3 of Article III of Chapter V of the Rules and Regulations reads: Section 3. "Each Post, by its By-Laws, or by a vote in the last meeting in December, may assess a per capita tax upon its members, payable in equal annual installments, on the first day of January and July." "Per Capita Tax" has been decided to be synonymous with "Dues." The power to assess such tax is a general power, vested in the Post. The time when such may be made payable is directory, and the Post may prescribe other times than those stated, such as quarterly, monthly, or weekly. Per Capita Tax being for Posts synonymous with dues, the question arises, "For what purpose are dues levied?" In the first place, to pay the Per Capita Tax to the Department and National Encampment, and next to pay hall rent and the running expenses of the Post. The intention of our regulation is to bring membership in the Grand Army within the reach of all honorably discharged soldiers who are not personally objectionable to the members of the Post to which he may apply for membership. This being the governing principle of the regulations, it would be grossly inequitable to require a qualified applicant for membership in the Post to pay for benefits that he can in no way realize. Membership in a Post, when one can attend its meetings and have the companionship

of his Comrades—their counsel, advice and good fellowship—feel the touch of their elbows, and have their active sympathy in trials, difficulties and sickness, is certainly a very desirable benefit. This the non-resident member of the Post cannot have. Yet, if he is required to pay full dues, he is required to pay for what he cannot get. The Post is required to levy a Per Capita Tax, and that this shall be the same to each member, there is no doubt, but there may be classes of membership; resident members, who have the benefits of the Post meeting, and non-resident members, who cannot have these benefits. The Per Capita Tax of each class must be alike for its class, and the amount for a non-resident member must be, at least, enough to pay the Per Capita Tax of the Department and National Encampments, which may be \$1.00 per year.

I am of opinion that the Post may establish a schedule of fees and dues to be paid by non-resident applicants and members different from that required of resident members. Care should be taken, however, that such non-resident members are not taken in places where there are organized Posts.

Another question was submitted by Nat Lyon Post No. 23, Kalispel, but this office did not receive a copy, and the matter seems to have been settled.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

T. O'LEARY,

Judge Advocate.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Missoula, Montana, April 6, 1897.

Benj. F. Osborn, Assistant Adjutant General.

Sir and Comrade—I forwarded you my annual report as Inspector, in due time, but deferred writing you a digest of the year's work until now. From the condensed reports and letters accompanying them I glean the following: Number of members in good standing, 520. The work in the Ritual is not, as a rule, committed to memory. The officers and members, as a rule, are not uniformed. Number of muskets in various Posts, 46. Reports and remittances of Per Capita is well done. The officers and members are quite regular in attendance. The interest in the work is in keeping with our age. The new reports to the Post Inspectors have not been used in over one-half the

reports, so that all reports are not alike, but the salient points are there. There are but two Posts that report a Relief Fund, but their treasury is well filled with \$382.72. Amount in the hands of the various Quartermasters, \$596.74. Amount of property belonging to various Posts, \$2,060.79. There are only eight Posts that have W. R. C. attached. There are only two Sons of Veterans Camps. Amount of charities paid, \$158.45. With the majority of the Posts the prospects are thought to be good. During the past year it has been my pleasure to visit a number of the Posts over the State, and, considering the average membership, the attendance is as good as could be expected, but we are getting old, and our work is, like our steps, getting slow; therefore I would recommend that steps should be taken to unite the W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans. In my ramblings it was my pleasure to stop for a few days at Miles City, and while there, through the kindness of our Department Commander, to muster U. S. Grant Post No. 14, which I did, and will remember with a full glow of patriotic fire while there remains a man in the ranks. I am surprised at the number of old soldiers all over the country who ought to be within our ranks. I think if this Encampment would permit the Posts to muster "all" old soldiers into the Posts this year, free of all charges, except Per Capita Tax and such small sums as they wished to give, would make our Posts stronger and give us new blood.

Faternally yours, in F. C. and L.,

W. H. H. DICKINSON,

Inspector.

REPORT OF MUSTERING OFFICER.

Office of Chief Mustering Officer,
Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Butte, Montana. April 7, 1897.

General L. S. Willson, Department Commander, G. A. R.

Sir—I have the honor to report, as Chief Mustering Officer for the Grand Army year just closing, that my duties as such Officer were not required. You will please accept my gratitude for the honor conferred upon me one year ago by you.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. ALMON, C. M.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Lester S. Willson, Department Commander, G. A. R.

Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to submit to you the following report as Delegate to the National Encampment at St. Paul:

The Department was well represented by thirty loyal Grand Army men, who spent their time and money that Montana might be grandly represented, and I am led to believe that every one of them felt that he had been repaid a thousand times, for at each one of these Encampments we receive a fresh baptism of patriotism, and when once we attend one of these Encampments, it is almost impossible for us to stay away. At St. Paul there were flowers and flags on every side, and patriotism seemed to fill the air. One very noticeable feature was the Living Flag, that seemed to sway and float in the air as does Old Glory when unfurled to the gentle breeze.

One sad thought comes to me, and that is that our numbers must grow smaller and smaller as these Encampments go by, but we shall grow stronger and stronger and come in closer touch with each other.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

T. C. DAVIDSON,
Delegate to National Encampment.

The Commander appointed the following Committees on Reports of Officers:

On Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders' reports:

W. H. Safford, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

Thomas Baker, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

T. H. Kleinschmidt, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

On Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector's reports:

H. S. Howell, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

J. D. Jenks, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

H. S. Taft, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

All other reports:

J. B. Loomis, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

A. B. Knight, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Thomas Baker, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

The following communications were then read:

Omaha, Nebraska, March 4, 1897.

General L. S. Willson, Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Sir and Comrade—Inquiries from several Departments having reached these Headquarters in regard to the proper day to be observed as a holiday on account of Memorial Day, May 30, occurring on Sunday this year, the Commander-in-Chief directs that in the observance of Memorial Day, Departments are to conform to the directions laid down in Article XIV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations:

When the 30th day of May occurs on Sunday, the preceding day shall be observed, except where by Legislative enactment (or established custom, which is unwritten law,) the succeeding day is made a legal holiday, when such day shall be observed.

I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours, in F. C. and L.,

CHARLES E. BURMESTER,

Adjutant General.

New York, March 12, 1897.

Mr. L. S. Willson, Department Commander of the G. A. R., Bozeman, Montana.

My Dear Mr. Commander—The Grant Monument Inauguration occurs on April 27, 1897. The Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. has signified his intention to be present and take command of all G. A. R. organizations taking part in the parade. I shall make the march as short as possible, so that all the old soldiers can take part in it, and this will be made a prominent feature of the occasion. I extend to you a cordial invitation to be present with your Staff and take command of the Posts from your State.

In case there are no visiting Posts from your State, it will give me pleasure to assign you and your Staff a proper position in the G. A. R. Division, as representing the G. A. R. from your State. An early response will greatly oblige.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

GRANVILLE M. DODGE,

Grand Marshal.

A letter from W. A. Haven, a member of this Department, now a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., was read, offering his services toward securing Headquarters for Montana at the coming National Encampment.

On motion of Comrade J. G. Sanders, Comrade Ned Parker entertained the Department with several interesting recitations.

Comrade Wisner notified the members of the Encampment that all Comrades were entitled to free transportation on all street car lines during the session of the Encampment.

On motion, the Encampment took a recess to 10 A. M., April 8.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Encampment convened at 10 o'clock A. M.

A delegation from the W. R. C. being announced, were admitted.

Ruth Burton addressed the Encampment on behalf of the W. R. C.

Response made by Commander Willson.

Encampment was invited to attend the W. R. C. meeting to hear the address of the President.

On motion of Comrade O'Leary, Comrade J. H. Mills was appointed a committee to invite the W. R. C. to visit the Encampment in a body to present their address.

The following report from the W. R. C. was received and read and placed on file:

Anaconda, Montana, April 8, 1897.

Department Commander L. S. Willson and Comrades of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

I have the honor to transmit to you a report of the Relief work done by the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana for the year ending March 31, 1897, as per consolidated reports:

Cash expended during the year	\$183.00
Estimated value other than money	91.80
Number of soldiers and families assisted during the year	71

Total	\$274.80
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Yours, in F. C. and L.,
AMITYS MANCHESTER,
Department President.

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps, now in session, send greeting to the Grand Army of the Republic. Another mile-stone in the journey of life is past, and we more fully realize what you have done for the nation. We desire to thank you for all kindnesses in the past, and wish prosperity and happiness to attend you in the future.

Comrade Mills reported that he had visited the W. R. C., and they had accepted the invitation and they were at once admitted.

On motion of Comrade W. H. Dickinson, by a rising vote, the Department W. R. C. were tendered a vote of thanks for the good work done in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. P. H. Manchester then delivered her annual address.

Past Department President Frances E. Moore also read an interesting account of her visit to the National Encampment at St. Paul.

The W. R. C. having retired, the report of the Committee on Commander's Address was then read and approved as follows:

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

To the Thirteenth Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Address of the Department Commander, respectfully report that, having duly considered the same, we most heartily approve of all the acts and recommendations therein mentioned, and commend, as worthy of the strongest approval, the administration of Department Commander Willson and his efficient Staff, who, during a period of great business depression, have materially increased the membership and Posts in this Department, discharged all financial obligations and left a balance in the treasury, and have maintained, at a high standard, the "morale" of the Department. These things command, and we earnestly and sincerely award to our Department Commander, the thanks of the Department, with the fervent hope that he may long live to wear the honors he has so worthily won.

His reference to the services of the Woman's Relief Corps is a well deserved tribute to that noble auxiliary organization, and it is our belief that this Encampment should, in a practical way, endeavor to establish closer relations with that Corps than has heretofore existed. We recommend that all Posts where there is an organization of the W. R. C., have frequent social sessions, in which the Relief Corps be cordially invited to participate, and that where no Corps exists, earnest effort be made to have them

established as soon as possible, and that the W. R. C. be made to know that this Department approves, appreciates, and holds in highest regard their noble work. And, further, learning that the continued existence of a number of our Posts is largely due to the self-sacrificing efforts of that Corps, which depleted their treasury until they have felt themselves unable to print the proceedings of their annual meetings, we propose to them, as a partial recognition of their great services, and as a token of our fraternal regard, that this Encampment will, if it meets with their approval, include a synopsis of their official proceedings as an addenda in the printed proceedings of this Department.

Relating to the Soldiers' Home, we learn with pleasure that this worthy institution is almost ready for the reception of destitute and deserving soldiers of the Union, and that by the action of the National Government, the State of Montana, and other generous friends, it seems assured that never again will any one of those who rallied around the flag in the hour of its peril, be compelled to breathe his last in a poorhouse within the confines of Montana. The good work inaugurated by a former Encampment of this Department, and aided by patriotic friends in official and private life, is nearing consummation. Our only regret is that it has been recently held that only a small portion of the very small sum asked of, and appropriated by, the Fifth Legislative Assembly can be had for the equipment of the Home. The full amount appropriated was barely adequate; the amount to which it was reduced cripples most seriously this worthy enterprise. We trust that through the efforts of this Encampment and the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, this difficulty may be yet averted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. DOLMAN.

FREDERICK HOPP.

JAMES H. MILLS.

Report of Committee on Reports of Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector read and adopted as follows:

Anaconda, April 7, 1897.

To L. S. Willson, Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade—We, your committee, appointed to examine the reports of the Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector, respectfully report that we have performed said duty, and recommend as follows:

That the report of the Chaplain be approved, and that all original matter in said report be published as part of our proceedings.

That the decision of the Judge Advocate be approved and considered the rule regarding the matter of non-resident members, that is to say, deciding who shall be so considered; and, further, that the report and decision of the Judge Advocate be published with the proceedings.

In regard to the Département Inspector, we would recommend that said report be adopted, except the resolution of uniting the W. R. C. and Sons of Veterans, which is beyond our jurisdiction. And that his recommendation to permit Posts to muster all old soldiers this year free of all charge, except the Per Capita Tax, is in conflict with Chapter II, Article II, Section 8, By-Laws of this Department, which provides that an admission fee of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) must be paid.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

H. S. HOWELL.

J. D. JENKS.

H. S. TAFT.

The following report of the Committee on Senior Vice-Commander's Report was read and adopted:

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

Lester S. Willson, Department Commander, G. A. R.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Senior Vice-Commander, would respectfully submit, that we have examined the same, and that it meets with our cordial approval, and we congratulate the Senior Vice-Commander upon his concise and brief statement.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

W. H. SAFFORD.

T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT.

J. N. BAKER.

The report of Council of Administration was then read and adopted.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Anaconda, Montana, April 8, 1897.

L. S. Willson, Commander Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Council of Administration, to whom was referred the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General, and Assistant Quartermaster General, respectfully report,

that we have examined the reports of these Officers, and find them accurate and most complete in detail, and while we do not enter into detail in checking up the vouchers of the Assistant Quartermaster General, as we did not think this necessary, we vouch for their correctness, and the sum as reported (\$54.43) is the true amount in his hands to turn over to his successor in office.

In the matter of the delinquency of G. K. Warren Post No. 19, at Fort Benton, as reported by the Assistant Adjutant General, we find that he is wrong in the number, as it is No. 20, and it should so appear in his report. We have no recommendation, but would ask you to place the matter of delinquency before this body, that it may be settled. We would recommend that the suggestion of the Assistant Quartermaster General, that the arrears of Custer Post No. 5 be remitted for the second term be adopted. If it is, as he states, the weakest Post in the Department, we should, in a fraternal manner, give a helping hand.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.

J. M. LINDLEY.

JOSEPHUS RICH.

ALFRED E. GLOYD.

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

The following from the Committee on Report of Chief Mustering Officer was read and adopted:

Commander and Comrades—We respectfully submit report of Chief Mustering Officer S. H. Almon, and recommend that the report be received and placed on file.

Respectfully, in F. C. and L.

J. B. LOOMIS.

J. A. BAKER.

A. B. KNIGHT.

Recess taken until 1:30 P. M.

Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The following resolutions were offered by Comrade J. H. Mills, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Department Encampment learns with profound regret that the honorable State Examining Board has ruled that only \$3,000 of the \$5,000 appropriated by the Fifth Legislative Assembly for equipping the Soldiers' Home of Montana can be paid for that purpose; that the amount appropriated was the lowest sum which careful computation had shown it could

be economically and adequately equipped; that the care of indigent old soldiers in this Home transfers the maintenance of those persons, at a lessened cost, from the several counties to the State, as the United States joins with the State in maintaining the Soldiers' Home; that an inadequate equipment will be very detrimental in several respects, and that we most earnestly appeal to the State Examining Board to reconsider its action in this matter, and instruct the payment of the full amount appropriated.

Resolved, That Comrades Lester S. Willson, T. O'Leary and J. G. Sanders be appointed a Committee of the Encampment to present the honorable State Examining Board with a copy of these resolutions and endeavor to secure the action herein recommended.

Report of Committee on Report of Delegate to National Encampment was then read and adopted.

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

Commander and Comrades—We, your Committee, to whom was referred the report of our National Delegate, Comrade Davidson, would respectfully report that we feel highly flattered, and, with pardonable pride, we refer to the distinction and honor bestowed upon Montana, made up of men from nearly all, if not all of the States. We feel that we can truthfully represent the whole nation. We recommend that the report be received and the thanks of the Comrades be extended to the Delegate, and hope that as good a report may be made by future delegations to National Encampments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOOMIS,

J. A. BAKER.

A. B. KNIGHT.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade T. O'Leary, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Department Commander, being, ex-officio, a member of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, shall, in future, be required to include in his annual report a report of the proceedings of that Board, the expenditures for the support of the Home, and a summary of the work of the Board.

Moved, by Comrade T. O'Leary, that a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of making rules to govern Outposts in this Department.

The Commander appointed Comrades T. O'Leary, J. H. Mills, W. H. H. Dickinson, T. H. Kleinschmidt and Levi E. Holmes.

The following report from the Committee on Territorial Limits was here read and adopted:

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

Department Commander—Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of providing laws regulating the territorial limits of resident and non-resident membership in this Department, respectfully report as follows:

We recommend that the following rules and regulations, to govern in this Department, be adopted:

Resident members of a Post shall be defined to be those members residing within any town or city within the limits of this Department, or within five miles of such town or city.

Section 13. Where three or more non-resident members reside in any locality they may, with consent of the Parent Post, be organized as an Outpost, to be designated as "Outpost No. — of Post No. —, Department of Montana."

Each Outpost may annually elect, from its own members, a Sergeant, to preside at meetings. Such meetings may be held at the home of any Comrade, at the convenience of the members. There shall be at least one meeting of each Outpost in every three months, and it is hereby made the duty of the Sergeant of the Outpost to report to his Post Commander that such meetings have been held, and he shall collect the dues of his Outpost and transmit the same to the Quartermaster of his Post.

On Membership.—The application of any person for non-resident membership in an Outpost shall be passed upon by the Parent Post, and the Post Commander may, in person, or by a suitable detail, muster in such applicant, and for such purpose may, at his option, administer only the obligation of membership.

The dues of the members of Outposts and of non-resident members shall be not less than \$1 per year, to be paid semi-annually to the Parent Post.

Members of Outposts and non-resident members may visit their Parent Post, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of members in such Parent Post.

Respectfully submitted,

T. O'LEARY.

L. E. HOLMES.

JAS. H. MILLS.

W. H. H. DICKINSON.

T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT.

Moved and adopted, that the report from Secretary of Soldiers' Home, when received, be made a part of this Department's published proceedings.

The following resolution was offered by Comrade J. G. Sanders, and carried unanimously:

Resolved, That at the next Department Encampment of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, and thereafter until otherwise enacted, the ratio of representation shall be as follows: First, Two Representatives-at-Large from each Post. Second, One Representative for each twenty-five members, and an additional Representative for a final fraction of more than one-half that number, said representation to be based on the number of members in good standing in the several Posts at the date of election of delegates.

Moved by H. T. Bevan, that the Assistant Adjutant General be requested to furnish the Public Libraries of the State with copies of all proceedings of this Encampment, so far as possible. Carried.

A resolution was offered by George T. Chambers, that the salaries of Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be made \$50 each per annum. Amended by J. G. Sanders to be made \$100. Amendment carried.

The Woman's Relief Corps here visited the Encampment in a body, and Miss Josie Van Tassel entertained the members with a few war songs. The Encampment gave her a rising vote of thanks.

The Commander then announced that the next order of business would be the Election and Installation of Department Officers for the ensuing year.

The following Tellers were appointed: T. H. Kleinschmidt and J. E. Baker.

The following Officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

Commander—T. C. Davidson, Anaconda.

Senior Vice-Commander—George T. Chambers, Livingston.

Junior Vice-Commander—W. H. H. Dickinson, Missoula.

Chaplain—George W. Jenkins, Stevensville.

Medical Director—Levi E. Holmes, Butte.

Council of Administration—T. H. Kleinschmidt, Helena; J. A. Baker, Butte; H. S. Howell, Helena; J. O. Gregg, Great Falls; W. N. Wright, Anaconda.

Representatives to National Encampment:

Representative-at-Large—W. A. Haven.

Representative—F. Geo. Heldt.

Alternates—R. C. Wallace, W. H. Yeaton.

The following communication was received, read and ordered entered in the proceedings of the Encampment:

The Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, to the Grand Army of the Republic—We desire to return thanks to you for your cordial reception this morning and for the many kindnesses in the past, and trust that this kind feeling may always exist, and rest assured we know no other feelings for the noble G. A. R.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, DEPT. MONTANA.

Anaconda, April 8, 1897.

At the invitation of Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, it was unanimously voted to hold the next Annual Encampment at Missoula.

It was unanimously carried, by a rising vote, that the thanks of this Department be tendered the different railroads and express companies for their generous offer to carry all supplies donated for use of Soldiers' Home free of charge.

Chief Mustering Officer S. H. Almon proceeded to install the officers-elect.

The following committee was appointed on Printing of Proceedings of this Encampment: B. F. Osborn, H. T. Bevan, T. H. Kleinschmidt.

The following named Comrades were appointed by Commander Davidson and were installed by Chief Mustering Officer S. H. Almon:

Assistant Adjutant General—J. S. Wisner.

Assistant Quartermaster General—H. T. Bevan.

Judge Advocate—P. H. Hughes.

Inspector—Jas. M. Sligh.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. D. Jenks.

Comrade T. H. Kleinschmidt offered the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department are due and hereby tendered to the Comrades of George G. Meade Post No. 16, G. A. R., for their united efforts in entertaining this Department at its annual session just closed.

Past National Chaplain-in-Chief Iliff gave a few minutes' discourse to the Encampment, and was given very hearty applause.

Department stood adjourned until 9:30 A. M.

Encampment called to order by Past Commander L. S. Willson, at 9:30 A. M., April 9, 1897.

Comrade A. N. Bull of Moody Post No. 25 moved that at all future Encampments no banquet shall be served.

On motion of Comrade T. H. Kleinschmidt, Comrade Bull's motion was laid on the table.

Moved, by Comrade O'Leary, that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring Officers of this Department. Carried unanimously.

Resolution offered by Comrade Kleinschmidt extending thanks of the Department to the Mayor and citizens in general of Anaconda. Carried unanimously.

Moved, by Junior Vice-Commander Dickinson, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Marcus Daly for his most generous offer to assist the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Carried.

A communication was received from J. H. James, asking some action by the Encampment in securing a total disability pension for Comrade James Kinney. Moved and carried by Comrade Kleinschmidt that the communication be referred to the Judge Advocate.

Comrade J. D. Jenks moved that a vote of thanks be extended the different railroads for courtesies to the Grand Army of the Republic. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Encampment closed in due form.

Mustered Out.

FRANK BOURGON,
Co. B, 81st Ohio.

EZRA M. ALDERMAN, AGED 53,
30th Ind. Inf.

GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG,
Co. D, 20th Ohio Inf.

WASHINGTON MUGGY.

SEBASTIAN RICHARDS,
Co. E, Missouri Militia. Died May 21, 1896.

RICHARD HOBACK,
Sergeant 2nd Minn. Cav. Died July 16, 1896.

ALONZO HARRIS,
Co. I, 193d Penn.

LEWIS C. LA BARRE,
Co. C, 31st Wis. Inf.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Bozeman, Montana, January 11, 1897.

Circular

No. 1.

Comrades—There is now pending in the Legislative Assembly (now in session) a bill having for its purpose the appropriation of sufficient funds to furnish and equip the State Soldiers' Home, at Columbia Falls. It is important that this measure should become a law at as early a date as possible, and it is hoped that the members of the G. A. R. throughout the State, either by action of their Posts, or as individuals, will use their influence with the members of the Legislature from their respective committees to that end.

You are therefore earnestly requested to call a meeting of your Post at once to enable them to take such action as to them may seem best, or if this is not practicable, you are requested to circulate a petition, to your members of the Legislature, among the Comrades and citizens generally, requesting immediate action upon this measure.

LESTER S. WILLSON,
Department Commander.

Official.

BENJ. F. OSBORN,
Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Bozeman, Montana, April 13, 1896.

General Orders,

No. 1.

I. The Department Commander elected at the Twelfth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic on April 10, 1896, hereby assumes the duties of that office.

Expressing gratitude for the honor conferred and the trust imposed, he earnestly invokes the aid and co-operation of all Comrades, to the end that this may be a year of enthusiasm and prosperity to the Department.

II. The following appointments have been made:

Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade B. F. Osborn,
Bozeman.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade H. T.
Bevan, Helena.

Judge Advocate—Timothy O'Leary, Anaconda.

Inspector—William H. H. Dickinson, Missoula.

Chief Mustering Officer—S. H. Almon, Butte.

III. In future orders, other appointments will be announced.

LESTER S. WILLSON,

Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.,

Office of the Commander,

Bozeman, Montana, April 17, 1896.

General Orders,

No. 2.

I. The Twelfth Department Encampment, held at Bozeman, April 9 and 10, 1896, elected the following officers:

Commander—Lester S. Willson, Bozeman.

Senior Vice-Commander—F. George Heldt, Great Falls.

Junior Vice-Commander—Lyman Loring, Kalispel.

Medical Director—Irvin M. Rockefeller, Anaconda.

Chaplain—George W. Jenkins, Stevensville.

Council of Administration—Josephus Rich, of Steadman Post; A. E. Gloyd, of Frank Blair Post; James Gibson, of Sheridan Post; Joseph M. Lindley, of William English Post; William H. Yeaton, of Farragut Post.

Representatives to National Encampment—Thaddeus C. Davidson, Anaconda; Charles B. Miller, Helena.

Alternates—William H. H. Dickinson, Missoula; James B. Loomis, Helena.

II. The following Staff appointments are announced:

Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—W. Y. Smith, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Aides-de-Camp—James K. Pardee, Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg; R. C. Wallace, Wadsworth Post No. 8, Helena; James Gibson, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

III. Post Commanders will forward to these Headquarters the names of Comrades (one from each Post) for appointment as

Aids-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander; also names of Comrades (one from each Post) for Assistant Inspectors. Such Comrades should be selected as will devote the necessary attention to the duties for which they are recommended

IV. The official reports of the Woman's Relief Corps show that this patriotic auxiliary is doing a noble work. To these earnest, untiring and loyal women, who are aiding us in every way possible, we not only owe our cordial support and sympathy, but every effort should be made to assist in the growth and prosperity of this Department.

Its Headquarters have been established at Butte, Mrs. Amytis Manchester, Department President.

V. In compliance with resolutions passed at the Twelfth Annual Encampment, Post Commanders will forward, as soon as possible, to the Assistant Adjutant General at Bozeman, a complete roster of their Posts; also the names of all ex-soldiers and their address living in their vicinity.

By command of

LESTER S. WILLSON,
Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.
Bozeman, Montana, April 28, 1896.

General Orders,
No. 3.

The 30th day of May is one of national significance; designated Memorial Day, in commemoration of the deeds of our fallen Comrades, and augmented by Legislative authority. Let us not forget its import by word or deed.

I would that all secular occupations and sports might cease on this day, and that both old and young join with us in doing honor to America's noblemen. With the legions, they have only gone before, and are serving Him "who doeth all things well." They were our friends; we touched elbows with them, and no duty is so sweet or sacred as when we strew their graves with flowers, and do reverence to the dust that covers all that was mortal of our nation's heroes. Memory thrills at the many noble deeds; love of country; love for the dear old Flag; life staked in the balance,

a sacrifice freely offered and unselfishly given. None too poor or proud to do them honor.

We are but the rear guard, marching to the final surrender! Let our bearing and reverence for these in the advance, marshaled on the Eternal camping ground, be such as shall make this the day most revered by our children, and our children's children; a day that the nation shall be proud to honor above all others.

II. Every effort should be made to increase the interest of holding patriotic services in the public schools on the Friday preceding Memorial Day. A custom soon becomes unwritten law. The practice of attending Divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day is well established. Let us make this a duty rather than a custom, and we shall honor ourselves. It is expected that all Posts will attend church in a body, and it is desired that the Comrades absent from their Posts shall make the effort to be present at a church service when possible. Post Chaplains will, immediately after Memorial Day, report to the Department Chaplain the character of the Divine service, and the numbers in attendance.

III. It is expected that all auxiliary organizations will join with us in church, as well as Memorial services, and, as customary, all civil and military societies, public officials, citizens and school children should be invited to participate in the services of Memorial Day.

By command of

LESTER S. WILLSON,
Department Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.,
Bozeman, Montana, August 3, 1896.

General Orders,

No. 4.

The following Staff appointments are announced:

Aides-de-Camp—W. H. Herrick, George B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls; G. W. Rightenour, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan; David Evans, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda; John M. King, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City;

Samuel G. Smith, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte; P. H. Fisher, Far-ragut Post No. 7, Livingston; W. J. Plume, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel; Charles Young, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City; Lewis D. Smith, James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewistown; William E. Bancroft, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Inspectors—Henry A. Miller, George B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls; Daniel W. Thompson, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan; E. A. Waterbury, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda; Eugene Stark, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City; Gilbert Engle, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte; G. T. Chambers, Far-ragut Post No. 7, Livingston; R. C. Palmer, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel; Andrew Dolfer, U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City; Willis S. Long, James A. Shields Post No. 19, Lewistown; Samuel Bellew, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

II. The Department Commander takes this occasion to congratulate the Comrades on the growth and prosperity of the Department since assuming command, and to render thanks for the uniform courtesy and support he has received from all the Comrades. It is a source of great gratification to announce that U. S. Grant Post of Miles City has reorganized; taken out a new charter and is doing good work for the Order. At Ennis, on the 11th instant, a new Post will be installed under the name of Moody Post No. 25. The growth of the Department along the whole line so far, has been greater than could have been anticipated.

III. The Thirtieth National Encampment, to be held at St. Paul, is one of unusual significance to this Department. This, without doubt, is to be one of the very large Encampments in our history, probably the largest that will ever be held again. The geographical situation is in our favor, and the railroads have made an unprecedented low rate—from Montana points, one fare for the round trip, and good for thirty days. The several committees at St. Paul are working energetically and in a systematic way to secure to visiting Comrades the greatest degree of comfort, at a minimum price. Headquarters of the Department will be established at 162 College avenue, on the line of parade, and I am assured that it is a most desirable place. Arrangements have been made for twenty people, at least, at Headquarters, at a price of \$2 per day. I believe that for the good of the Order, for renewed energies and of the awakening of a better interest in life and in living, nothing better may be found than that of attending a National Encampment.

I hope to see the Department represented in force, making it one of the memorable occasions of our lives.

Headquarters will be open to receive and provide for, so far as possible, every Comrade of this Department. A general reception room will be furnished in which to receive visiting Comrades and friends. In order that the best possible service may be rendered, I ask all Comrades intending to go, to notify the Assistant Adjutant General by letter, so that an estimate may be made as to what our force will be, and to assist in making more complete the arrangements for entertainment and comfort.

By command of

LESTER S. WILLSON,

Department Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana, G. A. R.,
Bozeman, Montana, March, 1897.

General Orders.

No. 5.

I. The Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, will convene in the hall of George G. Meade Post No. 16, at Anaconda, Montana, April 7, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Council of Administration will meet at the Hotel Montana at 9 o'clock A. M., April 7, to transact Department business and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General. The Committee on Credentials will meet at 10 o'clock A. M., April 7, at Hotel Montana.

II. In order to facilitate the completion of the roll of the Encampment, Post Commanders who have not forwarded the list of Officers and Representatives, will do so at once.

III. All railroads leading to Anaconda will sell tickets at the rate of one full fare, and one-fifth returning. These rates will apply to the Members of the Encampment, Members of the Woman's Relief Corps and other Comrades and friends.

All who desire to have the benefit of this reduced rate must pay full fare at the point of starting and secure from the ticket agent a certificate to that effect, with the ticket. These tickets must be signed by the Assistant Adjutant General at the Encampment,

and if presented to the ticket agent at Anaconda within one day after adjournment, will entitle the purchaser to a returning ticket at one-fifth fare.

IV. Assurances are received from George G. Meade Post (our host for this occasion) that ample accommodations will be provided for all, and at reduced rates. Hotel rates ranging from \$1.75 to \$3 per day, and lodgings may be secured at 50 cents per night, and meals at 25 cents each. Every effort is being made by our friends and Comrades at Anaconda to make this one of the most successful—a “red letter period” of our Encampment days.

V. The following Comrades are appointed as Committee on Credentials: Benj. F. Osborn, Assistant Adjutant General; J. G. Sanders, Past Department Commander, and J. S. Wisner, Adjutant of George G. Meade Post.

VI. The Commander of Post No. 16 will detail from his Post an Officer of the Day and an Officer of the Guard, for duty during the Encampment, also two Comrades to act as Sentinels. These Officers and Guards will report to the Assistant Adjutant General in uniform for instructions, at 10 o'clock A. M., on April 7, at the hall.

All Comrades in good standing will be admitted to the Encampment.

VII. We have the assurance that ex-National Chaplain Iliff will be present at the Encampment, an honor that will be gratefully appreciated by all the Comrades.

Ours is the grandest secular organization in the world's history, and it is to be hoped that the attendance may be general and enthusiastic for the “good of the Order.”

By command of

LESTER S. WILLSON,
Department Commander.

BENJ. F. OSBORN,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

HELD AT

ANACONDA, MONTANA

APRIL 7-8, 1897

SYNOPSIS

OF

Proceedings of the Woman's Relief Corps

AT ANACONDA.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Montana, Auxiliary to the G. A. R., met in the City of Anaconda, April 7, 1897. The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Amity Manchester, at 2:40 P. M. The following Department Officers were present: Past Department President Francis E. Moore, Senior Vice President Ella M. Edsall, Junior Vice President Mary E. Short, Secretary Lizzie Boland, Treasurer Mary E. Sires, Inspector Amelia A. Lamb, I. and I. Officer Mary E. Ecklund, of the Executive Board; Mary E. Skillen and Hester Thayer. Corps Presidents—Corps No. 4, Ellen Dagenhart; Corps No. 5, Hester Thayer; Corps No. 7, Caroline Pease. Past Corps Presidents—Sylvia Grantier, Corps No. 7, and Emma Dickinson, Corps No. 7, and twelve accredited delegates. The Convention was opened in regular form, with devotional exercises. The reports of the Department Officers were then read and committees appointed.

Some of these reports were very interesting, showing a willingness on the part of the officers to do their work. Although no new Corps were organized during the year, it was not the lack of zeal on the part of the I. and I. Officer. The report on Patriotic Instruction showing a growing interest in teaching the children those principles of patriotism and love for the dear old flag which forms the bulwark of our nation.

The Treasurer's report showed the total cash receipts for the year to be \$257.11, with a cash balance of the preceding year of \$71.21. The disbursements amounted to \$288.02, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$40.30, of which \$19.53 belongs to the Relief Fund; \$7.00 to the Andersonville Prison Fund, and \$13.77 to the General Fund.

The Secretary's report showed that while many Corps had increased in membership, there was a total loss of 18 in the Department. During the year there has been \$183.00 expended in relief; other than money, \$91.80. Number of soldiers and families assisted, 71.

The Department President asked the question: "How shall we gain and retain the esteem of the G. A. R.?" and called on the Corps Presidents to respond. This elicited pleasant discussion, which showed that a general good feeling exists between Post and Corps throughout the Department. It was moved and carried that the Convention hold open session at 10 o'clock A. M., and the G. A. R. be invited to listen to the President's address.

The second session was called to order at 10 A. M. The Convention was waited upon by Comrades Mills and Edwards, with an invitation from the G. A. R. Encampment to meet in their hall, as the one we occupied was inadequate to seat all who desired to hear the President's address. Invitation accepted, and found the G. A. R. standing to receive us, while the President was introduced to the Department Commander, who in turn presented her to the Encampment. The Department President, Amity's Manchester, then read the following address:

Ladies—I bid you welcome to this, the Fourth Annual Convention, of the Department of Montana, Woman's Relief Corps.

When, one year ago, you elected me to fill the very responsible office of Department President, I thought down deep in my heart that you had made a great mistake, but as the choice was unanimous I promised myself, if hard work and attention to my duties could repay you for the sacred trust imposed in me, I would merit your approval at the end of the year. How well I have kept that pledge I leave for you to judge. Trusting you will deal gently with my many faults and only look for the good there is in me, I ask you to give me your undivided attention to all reports and recommendations submitted, that you may leave this convention with a thorough understanding of every question presented for your consideration.

Before taking up the work of the Order, we should pay tribute to the memory of our departed sisters. Death, with relentless hand, has taken from our ranks three members, one in the bloom of life, the others who were passing down on the other side. On July 12 Clementine Demars, who for two successive years served this Department as Treasurer, passed away, after a long and painful illness. While it is hard to lay the bodies of loved ones

away, in this case we could not help but feel that, what was our loss was her gain. On October 12 we were again reminded of the uncertainty of life. Receiving a letter in the morning from Department Chaplain Nellie Williams, full of life and hope for the future prosperity of our Order, words fail to express my feelings when, at 6 o'clock, I received a message that her life had suddenly gone out, leaving a sorrowing husband, three little children and many loving relatives to mourn her loss. I immediately sent a message of sympathy to the bereaved friends, and in the name of the Department a beautiful floral emblem in the form of our badge. Notice of her death and burial was given in General Order No. 5, and our charters were draped in mourning for thirty days.

In February Priscilla Brenner, Past Department Chaplain, was called away, and, while I was not personally acquainted with her, the fact that she was a sister in F., C. and L., calls forth my heartfelt sympathy for those who are left to mourn the loss of a dear one. Words are inadequate to express the sorrow I feel for the relatives and friends they have left behind. For well we all know that the household to which the angel of death has come never can forget his coming. The shadow which his wings cast over the soul must remain, however clearly the light from God's own love may shine. Time and hope of meeting again in the realms of bliss where there is no parting will, I trust, enable us to bear all sorrow with Christian fortitude. It is fitting that this Convention send a tribute of respect to the families of the departed sisters.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

The work of the year has been attended by many disappointments and failures, and I find in summing up I have only a few ripened sheaves to bring you, trusting my successor may reap a more bounteous harvest from the seed sown this year. It was with the utmost reluctance that I assumed the responsibilities of Department President, realizing the cares and anxiety which surround one placed in a position where they are expected to please everyone. How well I have succeeded in this remains to be told. I have endeavored to stand strictly by rules and regulations, and aimed to shun all personalities. The year seems to have been one of almost perfect peace and harmony, as very few questions have come to me that could not be answered in a

very few words, and I feel justly proud that not one cloud has arisen to darken the sun of perfect harmony between President and Corps. My first official act after returning home was to install Mrs. Jessie Bradley as Department Secretary. Circumstances prevented her from taking any part in the work assigned to her, as she was soon called to another part of the State, and later to New York. In the month of July she tendered her resignation, and on August 20, I installed Mrs. Belle D. Lanning into office. I felt very much gratified with my choice, as I found Mrs. Lanning possessed of a wide experience in secretary work, with the good of our beloved Order very much at heart, and anxious to do all that was required of her; but in November, just as I was beginning to realize what a treasure I had found, she was called to Ogden, Utah, her former home, to attend her only sister, who was very ill, expecting to return in a few weeks. In this she was disappointed, as, after remaining there for a time, business changes took place which required her husband's presence, and I was again left without a secretary. On March 27 I installed Miss Lizzie Boland as secretary, and immediately placed a guard over her to see that she did not leave the State. This accounts for her presence here today.

In the work of the different Corps throughout the State I am pleased to report a marked improvement. The reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1897, being the first to reach me in time to forward to National Headquarters before the time prescribed by the National President had expired. I would therefore urge Corps Presidents to continue in the good way, and thereby merit the gratitude of Department Officers. I know from experience how easy it is to neglect these little things which go to make up the larger ones. I have been President of two Corps, and not until I became Department President did I realize how great was the responsibility resting on a Corps President. I sincerely hope, for the peace of mind of my successor, you who are responsible will do as well as you have in this last quarter of this Department year.

I am also gratified to mark a growing interest in the work of our Order. The first three-quarters of this year showed a lack of interest everywhere, nearly every Corps losing instead of gaining members, but, judging from the March, 1897, reports, the weeding out of the uninterested members has produced a healthy growth in nearly all of the Corps. Custer Corps of Sheridan and George B. McClellan Corps of Columbia Falls

(our two youngest) have been laboring under many difficulties, being so shut out from all other Corps, makes it very difficult to keep up the proper interest to insure success. I have endeavored to encourage them by writing as often as my limited time would permit, and I think every member of this Department should do all in her power to encourage the weak Corps, remembering that our charter is in danger.

In November I received an invitation from George G. Meade Post of Anaconda to visit them in the interest of a Woman's Relief Corps. Accompanied by Mrs. Manchester and Mrs. Jolly, who were included in the invitation, I answered the call. We were very cordially received and entertained at the G. A. R. Hall, and the Comrades all seemed anxious to have a Corps organized. We secured thirteen names, and the Post instructed me to order the supplies, and appointed November 28 to organize. I immediately notified the Department Treasurer to order by wire (if not in stock), which she did. A few days later I received a letter from the Adjutant of George G. Meade Post saying some of the ladies had withdrawn their names, and to go no farther until notified. I waited for some time, then wrote to the wife of one of the prominent members of the Post, also to Colonel T. O'Leary, who seemed very much in favor of the Corps, asking if there was not some way by which we could secure the much-coveted corps. Receiving no reply from either, I was compelled to drop the subject. I now turned my attention to other Posts without an auxiliary. In sending out the journals of the Fourteenth National Convention, Comrade E. B. Stillings, the printer, wrote me that he would send me 25 extra copies, or would mail them to any address I desired. I thought by sending the report of the grand work being done throughout our land to these Posts they might see the benefit of having a Corps, and thereby advance our cause. I sent the address of each Post in Montana, and requested him to mail one to each, which he did. Up to the present time I have not received any word to encourage me, but I am hoping that the "bread cast upon the waters will return after many days."

As the time approached for the assembling of our State Legislature, I was requested by Colonel P. R. Dolman (Chairman of the Soldiers' Home Board), to present to that honorable body a bill for an appropriation of money for the building of a home, to be called "The Woman's Annex to the Soldiers' Home," for the wives and widows of soldiers who are unable to care for them-

selves. I immediately opened correspondence with parties in Michigan, who had been active in procuring such a home in that State. I was furnished with a copy of the act passed by the Legislature establishing the Home, and other valuable information, which I turned over to the Hon. M. D. Leehey, a member of the Legislature from Butte, who kindly consented to do all in his power to secure the passage of this bill. In due time I received a copy of the bill to be presented. I ordered 100 printed, which I sent out with a letter addressed to each Post and Corps in the State, asking their indorsement and help in securing the passage of the same.

As Wadsworth Corps is composed of many competent ladies, I turned the matter over to them, feeling certain that nothing which could be done would be left undone. I have requested Mrs. Kirkendall to give us a report of their work, which we will hear later on. I will only say before I leave this subject, that its failure was to me the greatest disappointment of my administration. The furnishing of the Soldiers' Home with the little comforts which go so far in our own homes to make life pleasant, is another subject to which I have given much careful thought. You who have read the advertisements for bids for the furnishing of the Home, will remember that it is only the bare necessities that are to be furnished by the State, which leaves a very large field for the W. R. C. to work in.

In my first conversation with Colonel Dolman I was under the impression that we would have the privilege granted the W. R. C. in some other States, that of furnishing a room entirely, to be used by those going from our vicinity. With this object in view I wrote to the President of George B. McClellan Corps of Columbia Falls, asking her, if possible, to send me a plan of the building, which she did. I found that there were no single rooms to be used by the old soldiers. There are four dormitories, which are large enough, if I am rightly informed, to accommodate 25 or 30 cots. As the State proposes to furnish these rooms with the heavy furniture, it is left for us to furnish the poor old men who are compelled to go there with comfortable dressing gowns, warm slippers, a rug and screen for their bed; books and papers to read, pictures and many other things I cannot take time to mention. Knowing how great the expense of transporting these donations to Columbia Falls would be, I requested my husband to confer with the officials of the different railroads, with a view of securing free transportation. This he

did, and the result was very gratifying, as the Great Northern was willing to carry all donations free, provided they were all shipped at one time. This I consider most generous in the railroad company. In speaking of generosity, I wish to mention that of Mr. Daly of Anaconda, who has promised to duplicate any cottage built by the G. A. R. and W. R. C. for the use of the old wives and widows of veterans, and Lincoln Post and Corps propose to take him at his word in the near future.

Ladies, I can see a broad field of labor looming up before us, and hereafter there will be no cause for complaint that there is no relief work for us to do. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and work while the day lasts, for too soon it will be too late to work for these brave defenders of our country.

Much to my regret, I have not been able to visit but one Corps in this year. Had I been possessed of more of this world's goods I should have visited each Corps, but as I was denied the pleasure I have had to be content. Through the kindness of Mrs. Jolly, President of Lincoln Corps, I was enabled to visit Wadsworth Corps No. 1. We were cordially met at the depot and royally entertained at the home of Mrs. Kirkendall, where the regular meeting of Wadsworth Corps was held. I found them in a flourishing condition and perfectly alive in their work. I regretted very much my inability to stay longer with them, but a press of duties at home compelled me to take the 6 o'clock train for Butte. However, the few hours I spent with Wadsworth Corps will always be remembered as one of the bright spots in my Department work.

Touching upon finances, the President recommended that the per capita tax be raised to 15 cents. The Department Relief Fund, the Andersonville Prison Relief Fund, General Orders and the Fourteenth Annual Convention were also treated in the address. In closing her address, the President said:

To you, dear Corps workers, who have helped me to bear the burdens of office, what can I say? I had felt many times during the year that I could lay aside my cares without one regret, yet as the time draws near, I feel that something is passing out of my everyday life which I shall miss. I have formed many pleasant acquaintances through my correspondence with the officers of the different Corps, and I had hoped to meet each one, take them by the hand, look into their faces and read there all that I had read between the lines in their letters, and as the mantle falls from my shoulders, it is my sincere prayer that it

may fall upon one who will be more worthy of wearing it, and that she may receive the same loyal support that I have received from all. I thank you, one and all, for the honor you conferred upon me in electing me to serve as your Department President, and if I can feel assured that in your estimation I have advanced the work of our Order, ever so little, I shall feel repaid.

After the President's address, Past Department President Francis E. Moore read a very interesting report of her visit to the National Convention at St. Paul. At the afternoon session the recommendations in the President's address were acted upon by the convention as follows:

First—That the per capita tax be raised to 15 cents per member.

Second—That Corps pay 25 cents per member towards defraying Department President's expenses to the National Convention, the same to be sent to Department Treasurer, with June reports.

Third—That the 2 cents per member for Relief Fund be discontinued for one year.

These recommendations were acted upon separately and approved, thus becoming the final decision of the Convention.

The following is the report of the Committee on Courtesies:

Whereas, The Grand Army of the Republic Encampment and the Woman's Relief Corps Convention here assembled have viewed with pleasure and appreciation the evident efforts of Anaconda's patriotic citizens to honor and entertain the members of these Orders, then be it

Resolved, That we return grateful thanks to Mayor Thornton, who so hospitably welcomed the Grand Army of the Republic, and to citizens of Anaconda, who have so beautifully decorated the streets, hotels and residences with the National Colors, and seem intent on extending a cordial greeting to all visitors, to George G. Meade Post for many courtesies shown, some of which are beautiful souvenir badges, hacks gratuitously furnished for driving about the city and comfortable convention hall. We also feel that thanks are due the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the Musical and Literary Programme rendered at the Opera House, on the night of April 7, for the entertainment of the Grand Army and their auxiliary. The bright little girls deserve special mention for their enthusiastic manner and precision in the patriotic drill, which won them well-deserved applause and reflected credit upon the young ladies who trained

them. We are sure that all members of the Woman's Relief Corps present will always remember with pleasure their delightful reception and entertainment at Anaconda during the Fourth Department Convention.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

ELLA M. EDSALL,
SYLVIA GRANTIER,
MARY E. SIRES.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Department President Ella M. Edsall
Senior Vice-President Mary M. Ecklund
Junior Vice-President Della Charest
Treasurer Mary A. Skillen
Chaplain Sarah Henworth

Executive Board—Mary E. Short, Emma Bailey, Mary E. Sires, Sylvia Grantier and Sue Clayton.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

S. J. Tracy, Bozeman Department Secretary
Amity P. Manchester, Butte Department Counselor
Sarah F. Blaisdell, Helena Department Inspector
Hettie McCay, Philipsburg Department I. and I. Officer

Delegate-at-Large to National Convention—Ruth Burton.

Alternate—Sylvia Grantier.

Delegate to National Convention—Hester Thayer.

Alternate—Kittie O'Connor.

It was announced that the next Convention would be held in Missoula.

After installation of the officers-elect, by Frances E. Moore, the Convention was closed in regular form by Ella M. Edsall, Department President.

In behalf of the Department W. R. C., we desire to thank the G. A. R. Encampment, Department of Montana, for gratuitously printing the above synopsis of the proceedings of the Fourth Department Convention, hastily compiled by the Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 1897.

CommanderTHADDEUS C. DAVIDSON
Anaconda.
Senior Vice-CommanderGEORGE T. CHAMBERS
Livingston.
Junior Vice-CommanderW. H. H. DICKINSON
Missoula.
Medical DirectorLEVI E. HOLMES
Butte.
ChaplainGEORGE W. JENKINS
Stevensville.

DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General J. S. WISNER
Anaconda.
Assistant Quartermaster GeneralHENRY T. BEVAN
Helena.
Judge Advocate.....P. H. HUGHES
Great Falls.
Inspector.....J. M. SLIGH
Philipsburg.
Chief Mustering OfficerJ. D. JENKS
Butte.

Council of Administration.

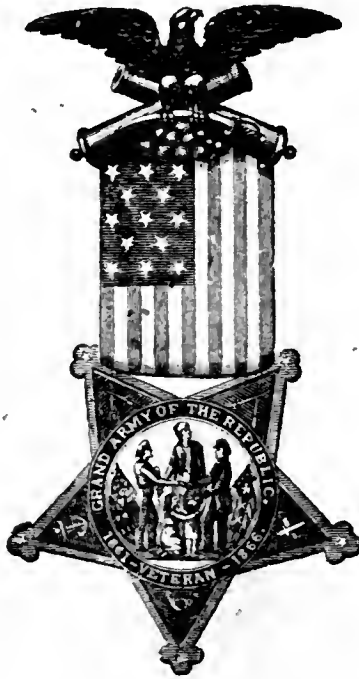
T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT, Helena.
J. A. BAKER, Butte.
H. S. HOWELL, Virginia City.
J. O. GREGG, Great Falls.
W. N. WRIGHT, Anaconda.

Representatives to National Encampment.

W. A. HAVEN, Helena. F. GEO. HELDT, Great Falls.
Alternates.
R. C. WALLACE, W. H. YEATON,
Helena. Livingston.

Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff to Department Commander.
ROGER EDWARDS, Anaconda.

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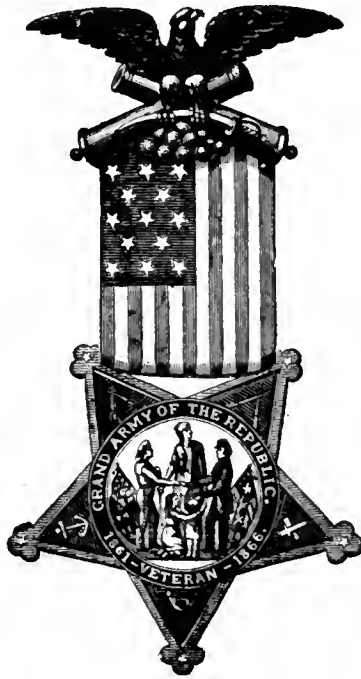
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Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Missoula, Mont., May 5, 1898.

Pursuant to General Orders No. 8, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met in the Post Room of Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, at two o'clock p. m.

Encampment was opened in due form by Junior Vice Commander, W. H. H. Dickinson, in the absence of Department Commander Davidson; Department Chaplain Jenkins making the opening prayer.

General Orders convening the Encampment were then read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Following the roll call of officers, the Acting Department Commander appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

J. S. WISNER,
JNO. L. SLOANE,
S. H. ALMON.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

T. J. NEFF,
H. S. HOWELL,
E. K. GREGG.

Past Department Commander Sloane then delivered a very able Address of Welcome to the Encampment on behalf of Fred Winthrop Post and citizens of Missoula.

E. A. Waterbury was appointed as assistant to the A. A. General Roll Call of Encampment.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Missoula, Montana, May 5th, 1898.

To the Fourteenth Encampment Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Commander:—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the list of those entitled to vote in this encampment, as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and recommend, that the same be adopted as the roll of this encampment.

A few posts not having reported, are therefore not entitled to representation.

Whole number entitled to vote as shown by reports is as follows:

Department Officers	10	votes
Council of Administration	5	"
Past Department Commanders	11	"
Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders and Representatives	144	"
Total	170	"

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander	*Thaddeus C. Davidson
S. V. Commander.....	Geo. T. Chambers
J. V. Commander	*W. H. H. Dickinson
Medical Director	Dr. Levi E. Holmes
Chaplain	*Geo. W. Jenkins
Assistant Adjutant General	*J. S. Wisner
Assistant Quartermaster General.....	*Ed. S. Walker
Judge Advocate.....	P. H. Hughes
Inspector	*Dr. J. M. Sligh
Chief Mustering Officer.....	J. D. Jenks
Council of Administration.....	T. H. Kleinschmidt
Council of Administration	*H. S. Howell
Council of Administration.....	J. O. Gregg
Council of Administration	*W. N. Wright

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

W. A. Haven,

*F. Geo. Heldt.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

R. C. Wallace,

W. H. Yeaton.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller,

Jas. E. Callaway,

*Jno. L. Sloane,

Chas. S. Warren,

Ed. F. Ferris,

J. O. Gregg,

Junius G. Sanders,

H. C. Kessler,

*Peter R. Dolman,

R. E. Fisk,

*Lester S. Willson.

LINCOLN POST NO. 2, BUTTE—58 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Alternates.

G. H. Henneberry,

Thos. Septon,

W. H. Black,

J. W. Grant,

W. W. Williams,

Thos. Boyle,

*S. H. Almon,

Gilbert Engle.

COMMANDER.

*P. H. Manchester.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*P. R. Dolman,

Levi E. Holmes,

J. D. Jenks,

Jno. Railey,

C. S. Warren,

J. H. Jackson,

H. C. Kessler,

Jas. E. Dowd,

C. S. Shoemaker,

Jno. B. Scott,

W. P. Rodebank,

B. N. Beebe,

J. B. Glover.

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3, HELENA—116 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Alternates.

*C. B. Newbury,

Wm. Potter,

*Chas. Horn,
J. A. Schmidt,
Garrison Redd,
D. L. Miles,
V. B. Whitney,
*Geo. H. Piatt,

R. H. Kleinschmidt,
*Jos. MacIrvin,
A. T. Newbury,
C. F. Loomis,
Jas. Crump,
Jas. Dunn.

COMMANDER.

*C. B. Miller.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller,
R. C. Wallace,
J. G. Sanders,
G. W. Shaw,
H. F. C. Kleinschmidt,
R. E. Fisk,

*Ed. S. Walker,
F. P. Sterling,
R. A. Craig,
C. F. Gage,
T. H. Kleinschmidt,
*J. B. Loomis,

S. A. Swiggette.

J. H. Mills, P. P. C. Thomas Post No. 4.
S. K. Fishel, P. P. C. Buford Post No. 1.
L. Whitney, P. P. C. Logan Post No. 15.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, SHERIDAN—NO REPORT.

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6, VIRGINIA CITY—14 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

A. E. Gloyd,
*H. S. Howell.

Alternates.

None.

COMMANDER.

A. E. Gloyd.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Jas. E. Callaway,
H. N. Blake,
Stephen Ganain,
Eugene Starks,
J. B. Carruthers,
Thos. P. Cox,

Jno. H. Davis,
J. B. Howe,
Samuel Page,
A. E. Gloyd,
H. L. Childs,
O. D. Linsley.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7, LIVINGSTON—24 MEMBERS.

Representatives.	Alternates.
Abraham Dennis,	John Gray,
John Dodge,	None.

COMMANDER.

George T. Chambers.

PAST COMMANDERS.

F. W. Wright,	Thos. J. Mains,
Jno. Skillen,	A. B. Hicks,
George T. Chambers,	Wm. H. Yeaton,
N. Ebert,	J. F. Lawrence.

STEADMAN POST NO. 8, DILLON—15 MEMBERS.

Representatives.	Alternates.
*Fred Hopp,	Benjamin Bond,
Thos. O'Connor,	C. Darntger.

COMMANDER.

*Fred Hopp.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Thos. Loughbridge,	Jos. Rich,
Benj. Bond,	*Fred Hopp,
O. Klemm.	

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10, BOZEMAN—30 MEMBERS.

Representatives.	Alternates.
Geo. W. Flanders,	Jesse Lambert,
W. H. Tracy,	E. F. Campbell.

COMMANDER.

W. S. Matthews.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Ed. F. Ferris,	J. H. Nixon,
J. M. Lindley,	*L. S. Willson,

B. F. Osborne,
W. Y. Smith,
J. A. MacElroy,
Chas. E. Lancaster,

T. M. Pierce,
Chas. H. Sprague,
A. J. Edsall,
Henry Hellinger.

WINTHIROP POST NO. 11, MISSOULA—18 MEMBERS.

Representatives.
*Jno. Ferguson,
J. W. Moore,

Alternates.
L. Byard,
A. MacDonald.

COMMANDER.

*W. H. Raymer.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*J. L. Sloane,
*Wm. Landers,
Andrew Moore,
*C. W. Lombard,

W. E. Bancroft,
*W. H. H. Dickinson,
*L. W. Grantier,
*Samuel Bellew.

THOS. L. KANE POST. NO. 12, GLENDIVE—12 MEMBERS.

Representatives.
Chas. N. Smith,
Jas MacCormack.

Alternates.
J. W. Allen,

COMMANDER.

Jas. S. Almy.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Jas. S. Almy.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16, ANACONDA—31 MEMBERS.

Representatives.
*D. Hefferon,
Geo. Elston,
Z. B. Wilson,

Alternates.
T. O'Leary,
H. C. Smith,
W. S. Whiteley.

COMMANDER.

Jno. Hallahan.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*T. C. Davidson,

Roger Edwards,

*J. S. Wisner,

*Eber Golder,

*A. Short

E. A. Waterbury.

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18, GREAT FALLS—41 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

Dor. R. Hodges,

John T. Eaton,

Wm. Ruskie,

O. G. Cooper.

Alternates.

Sterling MacDonald,

Ira Ingraham.

COMMANDER.

E. M. Mitchell.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*F. Geo. Heldt,

P. H. Hughes,

J. O. Gregg,

Jno. A. Clark,

Frank Coombs,

Wm. H. Safford.

Jno. Mohs.

JAS. A. SHIELDS POST NO. 19, LEWISTOWN—NO REPORT.

G. K. WARREN POST NO. 20, FORT BENTON—NO REPORT.

JOHN C. FREMONT POST NO. 21, HAMILTON—10 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

H. H. Page,

M. M. Lockwood.

Alternates.

N. Johnson,

COMMANDER.

Thomas Adair.

PAST COMMANDER.

Fred Hoffman.

BURNSIDE POST NO. 22, PHILIPSBURG—19 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

*A. L. Gillis,
*Jas. Lee,

Alternates.

Lawrence Spence,
Samuel Sprague.

COMMANDER.

*Elija Powell.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*J. K. Pardee,
Morris Sharp,

*W. T. Allison,
*P. J. Neff,

*L. C. Dagenhart.

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23, KALISPEL—24 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

*W. P. Emerson,
*E. K. Gregg,

Alternates.

A. L. Sherer,
L. C. Hayne.

COMMANDER.

J. D. Eaton.

PAST COMMANDERS.

D. J. Plome,
R. C. Palmer,

W. J. Sparks,
*H. J. Ayres,

R. A. Rollins.

GEO. B. MacCLELLAN POST NO. 24, COLUMBIA FALLS—32 MEMBERS.

Representatives.

*N. H. Morley,
C. E. Burgoyne,
*Thomas Clayton,

Alternates.

R. F. Tate,
*D. A. Snyder,
J. R. Hillman.

COMMANDER.

Thomas Carrol.

PAST COMMANDERS.

H. H. Garr,

H. A. Miller,

N. H. Morley, P. P. C. Meade Post No. 16

MOODY POST NO. 25, ENNIS—10 MEMBERS.

Representatives.	Alternates.
H. Kruger,	John Woodworth,
Ira Livemore,	John Lafever.

COMMANDER.

G. W. Burns.

PAST COMMANDERS.

A. N. Bull,	John Ormiston.
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In conclusion we recommend that Representatives from Posts other than the Post where the Encampment is held, be entitled to cast the votes of the absent Representatives, as the majority of them may direct.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

J. S. WISNER,
JNO. L. SLOANE.

Roll Call of Representatives. Report adopted as read.

Note—Those marked with (*) were present.

Dr. Craig, president of the University of Montana, was introduced to Encampment by Past Dept. Commander Sloane. Dr. Craig addressed the members in his usual eloquent manner, tendering a cordial invitation to visit the institution, which invitation was gladly accepted.

Report of Committee on Order of Business was then read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Order of Business of the 14th Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully recommend that the order of business adopted by the 13th Encampment be made the order for this encampment as found on page 11 of the printed Journal of the 13th encampment.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. NEFF,
H. S. HOWELL,
E. K. GREGG.

Reading of letter from Dept. Commander Davidson, explaining absence from opening of encampment. Reception of an invitation from the Camera Club of Missoula to attend an exhibition of views. Invi-

tation accepted, and a most enjoyable evening passed, rounded out by a most acceptable little lunch at the Rankin House.

The Department Commander's address was then read and referred to a committee consisting of F. Geo. Heldt, C. W. Lombard and C. B. Newbury.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades of the Grand Army:

The fast revolving wheels of time have scored another year, another mile stone has been passed, and I congratulate you for the Department of Montana is fortunate indeed in pitching its tents in this beautiful City of Missoula, situate as it is in one of the loveliest valleys in this great commonwealth of ours. No city is more gorgeously decked with nature's choicest flowers. The balmy breezes of none are more heavily perfumed, and a right royal welcome is heartily tendered to us by the citizens of this flourishing City. Every possible effort has been put forth to make our stay pleasant, and I feel our lines have been cast in pleasant places.

The National Encampment held at Buffalo was a grand success and thoroughly enjoyed, although there were some disappointments came to the Commander, caused by circumstances over which he had no control. It was the intention to have a headquarter's train to start out, either from Butte or Helena, and all the comrades from this department travel together. This would have added to the pleasure of the trip, but later I found out the Western Association had decided to give us no special rate. Then it was agreed to make a go-as-you-please of it, each one selecting his own route and get there if he could, and I am proud of the get there qualities of the Montana boys, and I might add Montana ladies, for some of them were there. When the Commander and his better half landed in Buffalo they found most of the Montana delegation waiting for them, and later others came. All told the department was represented by twelve strong men and three loyal women, patriotic people, undaunted by long distances and great expense, but determined that the State should be heard from in the far East. I would not forget to mention that grand auxiliary to the G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps. It was ably represented by its Department President. I was proud of the showing the Department made, and I take this opportunity of thanking the delegates again and again. As our banner hove in

sight the cheers went up on either side for Montana, and I desire to say to the comrades that he who is fortunate enough to attend one of these National Encampments will never regret or forget it. The greetings are so joyous, the hand shake so cordial, the touch of the elbow so inspiring, the atmosphere laden with patriotism to such an extent that he will receive a fresh baptism of loyalty, and he will consecrate himself anew to the grand old order and afresh to the nation.

The year's work is now ended, and with its close a rendering of my stewardship is due the department. The year has been fraught with many pleasures, some regrets, and some sorrows. Among the pleasures may be mentioned the meeting of so many comrades in different parts of the State, and the warm cordial greeting on all sides. I was permitted to visit the comrades at Kalispell, where I was most royally entertained. Here I urged the comrades, as I did in every other place, to bring their post up to the highest possible plane, by electing the best representative men they had to office. And again I met the boys at Columbia Falls. The meeting was a joyous one, and the fraternal feeling that binds us together was welded a little closer, I bade them God speed and went on my way. When Great Falls was reached here again was a meeting long to be remembered, the day was pleasantly spent and I was entertained to the "Queen's taste." I gave the boys the best advice I could, and urged them to hold the banner of the Grand Army high. When Helena was reached there came a shadow o'er the scene, for Wadsworth Post was preparing to lay one of its members away to rest. The spirit had crossed over the river. I followed the remains with bowed head far away, and then was compelled to turn my steps homeward with a heavy heart. By special invitation I was permitted to attend a social given by the ladies of the Relief Corps of Butte. Here I met not only the ladies of the Corps but most of the members of Lincoln Post. The evening was most pleasantly spent.

OUR DUTY.

I am impressed with the conviction that our organization should be in all the vicissitudes of our Government, the supporter of law and order. One of the cardinal principles of the G. A. R. is loyalty. Every member of it, and every veteran, should deem himself the especial advocate of loyalty in the broadest sense of the word. Every utterance of our members should be outspoken in his support of our Government. Let no army button be found in the ranks of the rioter or law breaker.

When our members speak let their voice be heard for law and order. Let them go on the future as they have in the past, with the stars and stripes at the head of the column. The veterans of the war have been the blazers of the trail, the pioneers in the history of our State have contributed to the development of its wonderful resources more than any other people, let them keep to the front.

Comrades there will a sadness gather over this Encampment as we listen to the Quartermaster's and Chaplain's reports, for they will show how the reaper "death" has thinned our ranks and must impress upon our minds the fact that we are on the Western slope, and the span of life that has been given to us must soon run out. Some that were with us last year and gave us the fraternal greeting have been mustered out and pitched their tents on fames eternal camping ground. Those comrades that are gone represented the grandest type of manhood, the noblest specimen of citizenship. This grim monster death has not been satisfied with the rank and file of the Grand Army, but has made inroads on the Commander's staff. The first to go was Comrade J. A. Baker, a member of the Council of Administration. This was a most sudden and sad death and could not be accounted for. He was one of our most active members at the last Encampment, and electrified the comrades by his eloquence and enthusiasm. Next we were stunned by the news that H. T. Bevan, Assistant Quartermaster General, had been mustered out. Like Comrade Baker, he was with us a year ago, full of life and hope. This is sad, but we are not without hope. "They are not dead but sleepeth." They are transferred and promoted to be captains and colonels in that Grand Army above, where he who guides the destinies of nations will be Commander in Chief. These comrades have left behind them a legacy of patriotism to be handed down to coming generations. Object lessons such as they gave will live on and on through unborn generations.

THE SOLDIER'S HOME.

This is a subject very near the Commander's heart. He was permitted to help stake out the ground and let the contract for the building. I think the department will excuse me if I say I am proud of the Home and the way it has been managed. The Board has been handicapped for the want of money from start to finish, yet obstacle after obstacle has been overcome, until last December when the Board visited the Home, hoping the last obstacle had been surmounted in the installment

of a complete heating plant that would make the boys comfortable during the long winter months. But another difficulty confronted us, the limit of the equipment had almost been reached and there was danger of an overflow before spring. The last available dollar was gone. There was but one thing to do. The Commander sent out a circular letter to all the Posts, setting forth the facts. This was done after some hesitation and many regrets, that it was necessary to do it, for no one knew better than he that most of the posts were financially cramped, but his heart was made glad by the responses that came both prompt and generous. The amount raised was over three hundred and fifty dollars. A thousand thanks to the loyal men, and may God's choicest blessings rest on that noble band of women, whose hearts are big with patriotism and whose hands are ever willing to work that the declining years of the old veteran may be happy.

OUR FINANCES.

Our financial condition is sound and prosperous. We have confined our expenses within our income, and I congratulate you on the assurance that our debts are all paid, and we have a small amount in the treasury. I attribute this fortunate condition of our finances to the earnest efforts of all members of the administration, and especially to the financial ability of our Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General. I realize our Order is probably as strong numerically as it will be, and it will require the strictest economy to keep our balance on the right side of the ledger. There is only one way to curtail our expenses that I know of, and that would be to take fifty dollars from the salaries of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General's offices, and I would recommend that this Encampment take some action along this line.

And now, my comrades, as I proceed to close this report, I do it with a deep sense of the honor you conferred on me when a year ago you elected me your Commander. There is no other honor within the gift of the people of this great commonwealth that would have been appreciated like this by me. To have the confidence of the veterans of the Grandest Army that ever marched to victory is something that any man may well be proud of, and when I say I thank you again and again, it is but a feeble expression. I have endeavored to the best of my ability to discharge the duties devolved upon me conscientiously and impartially, and I hope the comrades have not been disappointed. I as-

sure you what mistakes have been made were errors of the head and not of the heart.

And in conclusion I desire to thank my entire staff for the loyal and cordial support they have given me. The Past Department Commanders, and personal friends, will ever have a warm place in my heart. Then permit me to say to the representatives here assembled, that as I step from office to the ranks, I promise to devote myself to the good of the order. You will find me ever ready to work, and my desire is to come in closer touch with the rank and file, and I will cherish to my dying day the esteem and confidence evinced for me by my comrades.

Comrades these are stirring times, the Nation is stirred from center to circumference, the eyes of the world are upon us. Let the Grand Army strengthen the hands of the Government, let us be patient, and let us be ready to do our duty, and bear the banner of freedom high.

T. C. DAVIDSON.

Senior Vice Commander absent, consequently no report.

Report of Junior Vice Commander read and referred to following committee: F. Geo. Heldt, S. H. Almon and J. H. Ayres.

Missoula, Montana, May 4th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of the Department Encampment, G. A. R., Montana:

Sirs and Comrades:—Permit me as your Junior Vice Department Commander, the pleasure of presenting my report for the year just past.

In consequence of there being but two posts in the counties of Ravalli and Missoula, John C. Fremont Post at Hamilton and Fred Winthrop No. 11, I received a letter from our A. A. G., J. S. Wisner, requesting me to go to Hamilton and visit the post there and see if John C. Fremont Post No. 21 could not be strengthened, as letters had been received stating that we were liable to lose it in consequence of the hard times. This was at a time that it was impossible for me to get away, in consequence of my office duties, and I wrote in place of going and I received such good reports that I was led to believe that it would survive and the presence of comrades shows that it will weather the storm.

In regard to Fred Winthrop Post we hold our own, but the hard times and age together makes it difficult to build up a post to our old strength and the enthusiasm of early days, but there is a wide field open for a wide awake comrade to take the field and enthuse into the old

vein a drop of new fire, and I am of the opinion that now is the time for this encampment to start the movement while the old spirit of 1861 is again abroad in the land and the cry is "on to the front," and "I'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer." Let us awake and try and help the relief corps in their noble work and it will react to our good as to theirs. Our sons and brothers are following our footsteps in the noblest cause of this generation, and let us give them a God speed in their good cause.

Yours in F. C. and L.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,

J. V. Dept. Commander.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General read and referred to committee consisting of Thos. Clayton, Chas. Horn and W. T. Allison.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Missoula, May, 1898.

T. C. Davidson, Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade:—In compliance with the laws for the guidance of this office, I have the pleasure to submit my report, as Ass't Adjutant General, showing the Department's condition, in as far as pertains to this office, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1897.

Number of Posts in good standing Dec. 31st, 1896..... 18

Gained, first term, by reinstatement..... 1

Aggregate 19

Loss, first term, charter surrendered 1

No. of Posts in good standing June 30th, 1897..... 18

Loss, second term, Delinquent reports..... 3

No. Posts in good standing Dec. 31st, 1897..... 15

Net loss for year..... 4

No. members in good standing Dec. 31st, 1896..... 520

Gained first term:—

By muster in	10	
By transfer	4	
By reinstatement	28	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	2	
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Aggregate	564	
Gain for first term	44	

Losses first term:—

By death	4	
By honorable discharge.	10	
By transfer	10	
By suspension	44	68
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Net loss first term	24	
No. members in good standing June 30th, 1897.....	486	

Gained second term:—

By muster in	18	
By transfer	7	
By reinstatement	14	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	2	41
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Aggregate	537	

Losses second term:—

By death	6	
By transfer	5	
By suspension	26	
By delinquent reports	46	83
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No. in good standing Dec. 31st, 1897.....	454	
Net loss second term.....	42	
Net loss for the year.....	66	

The amount reported to this office, as expended for relief during the year was \$386.20.

U. S. Grant Post No. 14 surrendered its charter May 13th, 1897.

Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan, Shields Post No. 19, Lewistown, failed to forward their reports.

G. K. Warren Post No. 20, Fort Benton. forwarded its report for first term through Comrade Duff, but failed to forward the per capita tax, but presented as an excuse that it would be forwarded in a few days,

Comrade Claus Peters, the Quartermaster, in his report states that moneys received from all sources during first term amount to \$9.00 and further shows that there has been expended for per capita tax on 18 members, the sum of \$9.00. On the strength of Comrade Duff's report and the report of Quartermaster Peters, the Department Commander instructed this office to show the Post in good standing, but the matter has been left open to the consideration of this Encampment.

The Encampment's attention is called to the large number of members, reported as suspended. I believe this Encampment should take some action at this session, looking to a cure for this evil, and that some method be devised whereby unfortunate Comrades may retain their membership and be given an opportunity to prove themselves as worthy as in the days of the war.

All orders and circulars from National Headquarters, as well as eight general orders, two special orders and four circular letters from Department Headquarters have been promptly forwarded to the different Posts and those entitled to receive them, this and the writing of many personal letters to Comrades in this and other departments together with the usual work that goes to make up the duties of this office, has constituted the labors of this office for the term now about to close. If my work meets with the approval of my Comrades then I am content, for it is them whom by virtue of this office I have been called upon to serve.

I am deeply grateful to the Officers and Comrades of our Post with whom it has been my pleasant privilege to correspond with during my term of office, for the many courtesies extended me, and to your Commander with whom my official as well as personal relations have been very pleasant I tender my sincere thanks, and trust that I retire carrying with me not only your commendation but the commendation and good will of every Comrade, in this department, for every Comrade has my well wishes and fraternal greeting.

Fraternally in F. C. and L.,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Assistant Quartermaster General's report read and referred to following committee: C. B. Miller, D. A. Snyder and C. W. Lombard.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Helena, Montana, May 5th, 1898.

T. C. Davidson, Commander.

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of this office from April 7th, 1897, to May 5th, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand April 7th, 1897.....	\$ 54.43
Received from supplies sold.....	51.46
Per capita tax from Posts.....	449.50
Rebate on bill.....	1.00
Total	\$ 556.39

EXPENDITURES.

Quartermaster supplies purchased	\$ 28.05
Express and drayage	25.75
Salary Assistant Adjutant General.....	100.00
Salary Assistant Quartermaster General.....	100.00
Printing and Stationery.....	168.50
Expense National Encampment, Buffalo.....	13.00
Department Badges.....	26.75
Encampment Badges	14.75
Per capita tax.....	11.96
Postage and box rent.....	30.79
Miscellaneous	1.75
Total	\$ 521.30
Leaving cash balance on hand.....	35.09
Total	\$ 556.39

I submit herewith statements showing in detail receipts and expenditures marked Exhibit "A" and "B."

EXHIBIT "A"—RECEIPTS.

Name of Post	No.	Per Capita Tax 1897		Q. M. Supplies
		June 30th	Dec. 31st	
Lincoln.....	2	28.00	29.00	.....
Wadsworth.....	3	59.50	58.00	6.90
Custer.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Frank Blair.....	6	7.50	7.00	.....
Farragut.....	7	12.50	12.00	6.28
Steadman.....	8	7.50	6.00	.....
William English.....	10	14.50	15.00	.....
Fred Winthrop.....	11	9.00	9.00	2.00
Thos. L. Kane.....	12	6.00	6.00	.....
U. S. Grant.....	14	.....	.....	.....
George L. Meade.....	16	16.50	15.50	7.20
Sheridan.....	18	25.00	20.50	.....
James A. Shields.....	19	.....	.....	.25
G. K. Warren.....	20	.....	.....	.....
John C. Fremont.....	21	5.00	5.00	.....
Burnside.....	22	9.50	9.50	.....
Nat Lyons.....	23	12.00	10.50	.35
G. B. McClellan.....	24	9.00	16.00	23.98
Moody.....	25	4.00	5.00	4.50
Total.....	.....	225.50	224.00	51.46

Per capita from Posts.....	\$ 449.50
From supplies sold.....	51.46
Rebate on bill for badges.....	1.00
On hand April 7th, 1897.....	54.43
Total.....	\$ 556.39

EXHIBIT "B."—EXPENDITURES.

1897.

April 14.	J. G. Sanders, freight on banner.....	\$ 1.00
May 5.	J. S. Wisner, express and postage.....	4.65
" 5.	Anaconda Recorder, printing, stationery.....	9.00
" 12.	A. J. Burbank, Quartermaster supplies.....	4.55
" 19.	H. T. Bevan, stamps and express.....	5.00
June 19.	J. S. Wisner, postage.....	3.00
" 19.	Anaconda Recorder, printing and stationery.....	8.25
July 3.	H. T. Bevan, 1st quar. salary, A. Q. M. G.....	25.00
" 3.	J. S. Wisner, 1st quar. salary A. A. G.....	25.00
" 8.	Anaconda Recorder, printing.....	7.50
" 8.	J. S. Wisner, postage.....	2.50
" 8.	A. J. Burbank, Dept. per capita tax.....	6.25
" 19.	W. A. Haven, expense National Encampment.....	3.00

Aug.	11.	Express on banner to Buffalo.....	4.25
"	16.	Anaconda Recorder, printing.....	25.75
"	16.	Montana National Bank, exchange.....	.25
"	16.	C. K. Wells & Co., stationery.....	1.00
Sept.	4.	Express on banner from Buffalo.....	4.75
"	18.	H. T. Bevan, 2nd quar. salary A. Q. M. G.....	25.00
Oct.	1.	J. S. Wisner, 2nd quar. salary, A. A. G.....	25.00
"	29.	C. O. Rood & Co., badges National Encampment..	2.50
"	29.	N. P. Express Co., express charges.....	.35
Nov.	8.	Anaconda Recorder, printing.....	102.00
Dec.	31.	H. T. Bevan, stamps.....	8.00
"	31.	H. T. Bevan, box rent.....	4.00
"	31.	J. S. Wisner, postage and supplies.....	5.00
"	31.	H. T. Bevan, 3rd quar. salary, A. Q. M. G.....	25.00

1898.

Jan.	18.	Jos. Spurzam, drayage.....	.50
"	20.	Anaconda Recorder, printing.....	10.00
"	20.	J. S. Wisner, Nat. per capita tax.....	5.71
"	20.	J. S. Wisner, 3rd quar. salary, A. A. G.....	25.00
"	21.	Chas. Burrows, Q. M. G. Dept. supplies.....	23.50
"	21.	J. S. Wisner, postage.....	1.29
April	18.	Anaconda Recorder, printing.....	5.00
"	18.	T. C. Davidson, expense account, Buffalo.....	15.55
"	18.	J. S. Wisner, postage.....	3.00
"	18.	Jos. K. Davidson, Department Badges.....	26.75
"	18.	C. S. Cole, Encampment Badges.....	12.25
"	29.	J. S. Wisner, 4th quar. salary, A. A. G.....	25.00
"	29.	Ed. S. Walker, 4th quar. salary, A. Q. M. G.....	25.00
"	29.	Ed. S. Walker, expense account.....	5.20
May	7.	Cash balance on hand.....	35.09

Total\$ 556.39

A consolidation of the reports from Posts for the year 1897 shows as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Dec. 31st, 1896.....	\$ 686.08
Cash received from all sources.....	4,016.11
Total	\$ 4,702.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Department per capita tax.....	\$ 449.50
Relief from Post funds.....	321.20
All other disbursements.....	2,805.72
Cash balance on hand.....	1,125.77
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Total	\$ 4,702.19

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY AS SHOWN BY REPORTS.

Cash balance Post funds.....	\$ 1,125.77
Cash balance Relief funds.....	55.72
Market value of Real Estate of Posts.....	840.00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	1,467.87
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Total value of Post property.....	\$ 3,489.36

An invoice of supplies on hand shows the value thereof to be one hundred and ten dollars.

Comrade Henry T. Bevan, whom you appointed Assistant Quartermaster General at the Department Encampment at Anaconda, in April, 1897, faithfully performed the duties of the office up to the time of his death, which occurred at his residence in this city on the morning of January 15th, 1898.

Myself with other comrades stood at his bedside when the end came. Just before he died he drew me down close to him and said "When I am gone tell my wife if she ever needs counsel or advice to go to the comrades of the old Grand Army." These were the last words he spoke. After his burial I was directed by you to take charge of the office, and did so at once. I found everything in good order and the books and accounts correct to a cent.

During the year four Posts, viz.: Custer No. 5, U. S. Grant No. 14, James Shields No. 19, and G. K. Warren No. 20, have failed to make reports. All others have made full reports and all accounts between Posts and Department have been settled. All bills to date against the Department have been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. S. WALKER,

A. Q. M. G.

In remembrance of Comrade H. T. Bevan, late Ass't Quartermaster General, the Encampment arose and sang "In the Sweet Bye-and-Bye."

Chaplain's report read and referred to J. B. Loomis, N. H. Morley andRandall.

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN TO FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Headquarters, Helena, Montana.

Thaddeus C. Davidson, Department Commander and Comrades in Encampment Assembled:—

Again we have cause for gratitude for Providential care. We are at one more camping ground on this side of the great river, still awaiting orders to march over to the Caanan beyond. That is the place of rest but we are still in the field. Some have fallen out of ranks under orders from above which calls for special activity to keep our ranks closed and our order firm and established, able to maintain itself in the struggle for life and usefulness. The year has, doubtless, been full of conflicts without and within and we have only succeeded in proportion as we have been true to our principles of loyalty to our God, our flag and our duty. We are all standing on the margin of the river listening for the final bugle call, but we may well congratulate ourselves that the last battle will soon be fought and we shall stack arms, receive the grand discharge and return to our eternal homes.

The recollection of the past may not have to us so much of a charm as in earlier years, yet there burns in our bosoms the old fire, and our elastic spirit prompts us to say with all our wonted enthusiasm in these new times of national peril: "Here am I, send me!" We would gladly enter anew the ranks under Old Glory and march to victory in the glorious work of snapping the chains that manacle unfortunate Cuba.

Well our prayers and sympathies will follow the "Boys in Blue" to every battlefield, and we shall share in the glory of every triumph achieved and victory won.

As our ranks thin, our zeal should intensify and we should ever turn our eyes to our God and True Leader from earth to heaven who now is

more to us than all besides. Yes Comrades, I feel assured that you believe me sincere in thus urging all to consider our latter end. We are citizens of a vast commonwealth constituted of the honored, lamented and glorified, who have gone on before, and the millitant host on earth who still battle for truth and right, and as we sow thus, so shall we reap, if faithful to the end when the Great Commander shall welcome us home.

I communicated with the several Posts of the Department through the Chaplains, as far as possible, but failed to receive responses from but a comparative few. I concluded that the disordered condition of Posts on account of removals occasioning suspension of meetings making it difficult to secure the desired information to complete my report, is the cause. I have not been so closely in touch with the work of the Department the past year as hitherto from lack of correspondence doubtless the result of the conditions previously mentioned, but I have endeavored to do all in my power to aid the work of the Department.

The following is the report of deaths as summarized from correspondence, covering the period since May 30th, 1897; all other cases since the last session of the Encampment having been reported to the National Encampment, a copy of which is on file at the Department Headquarters throughout the Department.

The following is the number and partial description of the deceased in the several vicinities reporting:

Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena, reported by C. F. Loomis, Adjutant. Adolph LaSalle, bugler, 9th Ill. Cav., died Aug. 20, 1897; Frederick Manuel, private Co. I, 10th Minn. Infantry, died October 25, 1897; A. C. Votaw, private Co. "G," 36th Mo. M. Volunteers, died Dec. 10, 1897; Henry T. Bevan, private Co. "G," 27th Ind. Infantry, died January 15, 1898; and Philip A. Manix, 2nd Lieut. Co. F, 1st Conn. Artillery, died March 12th, 1898, total in vicinity, five.

George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda, reported by Post Chaplain, W. N. Wright. William Allen, regiment and post unknown, died February 8, 1898; Mr. Campbell, a Mexican soldier, died March 10, 1898; John Carr, private Co. "C," 153rd N. Y. Infantry, died March 14, 1898; John Berry, died March 18th, 1898, having attended the meeting of the Post just the Saturday before. Total at Anaconda, four.

Lincoln Post No. 2, no report, but I know that Comrade J. A. Baker of that Post died during the year, who was a Department officer and highly esteemed. There must have been a number of deaths at Butte,

the locality of Lincoln Post, but they have not been reported, perhaps will be reported at this Encampment.

Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston, reported by Samuel Guyser, chaplain per A. F. Lawrence, Pierce Hoopes, Past Commander and Post Department officer and present Assistant Inspector, died September 24th, 1897. Total in vicinity, one.

Wm. English Post No. 10, Bozeman, reported by Chaplain J. C. Lamb. Charles R. Hurlbertand, an old soldier. W. H. Hanley. Dates and descriptions not given. Total in vicinity, two.

Burnside Post No. 22, Philipsburg, reported by Chaplain H. E. Castle, gives no deaths of comrades, but one death of John Evans, an old Mexican soldier in that vicinity, who died February 13th, 1898, and was buried by the Post.

Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon, reported by Chaplain Thomas Laughbridge, no deaths in that vicinity. Total deaths reported sixteen, an increase over last year of four.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. JENKINS,

Department Chaplain Montana.

Several reports were here made by Comrades who attended the National Encampment at Buffalo last August.

Report of Council of Administration read and accepted.

Missoula, Montana, May 5th, 1898.

To the Department Commander:—

The Council of Administration respectfully report that in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, they have audited and examined the accounts and report of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find them correct and that the bank book of the Montana National Bank shows a balance there of \$35.09, being the same as shown by the Quartermaster's report.

W. H. H. DICKINSON, Chairman.

Recess taken until 8 o'clock p. m.

Encampment met at 8 o'clock p. m., and after passing motion to meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday, encampment adjourned to attend exhibition of Camera Club.

MORNING SESSION.

Encampment called to order by Department Commander Davidson.

Report of Department Inspector read and referred to N. H. Morley, W. N. Wright and C. B. Newbury.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 1ST, 1897.

NAME OF POST	No. of Post.	No. of Members in good Standing	Is the Work in the Ritual Properly Exemplified?	Are the Officers and Guards Properly Uniformed and Equipped?	Are the Members Uniformed?	Are the Officers Regular in Their Attendance?..	Are the Members Regular in Their Attendance?	Are the Records Complete and Well Kept?.	Are Orders received regularly and read to the Post and filed?	Have all reports and taxes been forwarded?.	Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes?..	How much money is in the Relief fund?	Total Amount expended for Relief	Amount of Money and Securities in Hands of Quartermaster	Value of Other Property owned by the Post.	Is there a Corps of the W. R. C. connected with the Post?	Is there a Camp of the S. of V.?	What are the prospects for the future?
Lincoln	2	58	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	\$	\$ 12.50	\$ 639.72	\$	Yes	No	Good
Wadsworth	3	116	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	163.95	312.18	824.15	Yes	No	Good
Wm English	10	32	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	.....	15.55	100.00	Yes	No	Good
George G. Meade	16	30	Yes	Partly	Yes	Yes	F'ir	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	.....	3.50	98.50	No	No	Fair
Sheridan	18	41	Yes	Partly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	16.50	90.17	500.00	Yes	No	Good
Nat Lyons	23	21	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	F'ir	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	.....	.....	.....	No	Yes	Fair
George B. McClellan	24	32	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	.....	.....	25.00	50.00	Yes	Yes	Good

The foregoing is a tabulation of all reports received by me to March 20, 1898. Posts No's 6-7-8-11-12-21-22 and 25 have failed to send in reports.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

JAS. M. SLIGH, Department Inspector.

Report of Medical Director read and referred to H. S. Taft, C. B. Miller and A. Short.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,

Office of the Medical Director, Department of Montana G. A. R.
December 31, 1897.

Surgeon General G. A. R.:—

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the six months ending December, 1897.

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants	4
No. of deaths during term.....	3
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service....	2
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge....	3
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$109.35
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions.....	9

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors Homes for the care of Ex-Union soldiers and sailors in this department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors. The Montana Soldier's Home, Columbia Falls, Montana.

No. of Inmates in Home.....	30
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The above home is supported by the State.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
L. E. HOLMES, M. D.,
Medical Director.

Moved and carried that all papers accompanying report of Lincoln Post No. 2, be incorporated in the minutes of this Encampment.

Comrade Almon then read the following supplementary report:

REPORT FROM LINCOLN POST BY S. H. ALMON.

To the Ass't Adjutant General, G. A. R., Department of Montana:

Sir:—Lincoln Post No. 2, G. A. R., instructs its adjutant to submit for the consideration of the Department Encampment to be held in Missoula, Montana, May 5, 6 and 7, of this year, supplementary report as follows:

Paid to the Soldiers Home in contributions by the citizens of Butte and Lincoln Post.....	\$ 220.00
Also one fine piano by the W. R. C., and Lincoln Post, valued at	800.00
Paid out for charity by the Post.....	25.00
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	\$ 1,045.00

The piano is mentioned, as it was not mentioned in the last half year by report made, December 31st, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. ALMON,

Post Adjutant.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

To the Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander, respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

It recommends the reduction of twenty-five dollars each of the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, as suggested by the Department Commander, and recommends that the encampment send the following to the President by wire, viz.:
To the President.

The Department of Montana G. A. R. in Encampment assembled extend Comrade McKinley their endorsement of his wise and patriotic course in dealing with Spain, congratulates our navy on its great victory and tender their services to the Government in any capacity the President may deem proper.

F. GEO. HELDT,

C. W. LOMBARD,

C. B. NEWBURY.

Committee.

Report accepted and unanimously adopted by rising vote.

Motion carried to telegraph tender of congratulations and offer of services of members of this Encampment to President McKinley.

Communication received from a committee of the Woman's Relief

Corps, consisting of Mrs. Manchester, Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. Dickinson, announcing their readiness to present their greeting to this Encampment.

A committee consisting of Comrades Lester S. Willson, Jno. L. Sloane and H. S. Howell, Past Department Commanders, was then appointed to escort and introduce the ladies of above committee.

Mrs. Tracy addressed the Encampment on behalf of the W. R. C.

Response by Department Commander Davidson.

Encampment was invited to attend W. R. C. Convention, to hear the address of their President.

The following report from the W. R. C. was received, read and placed on file by a rising vote:

Bozeman, Montana, May 1st, 1898.

Department Commander Thaddeus C. Davidson and Comrades of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana Grand Army of the Republic, Greeting:

We, your honored auxiliary, present for your consideration a report of the Relief work accomplished by the Department of Montana W. R. C., for the year ending March 31st, 1898.

Cash expended for relief.....	\$ 281.90
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	273.95
Turned over to Posts.....	54.00
Flowers for Southern graves.....	6.00
To the Annie Wittensuyer Testimonial Fund.....	6.00
Donations to the Soldiers' Home.....	275.32
Also a piano from Lincoln Corps No. 6, valued at.....	311.00
Number of soldiers assisted.....	13
Number of Soldiers' families.....	22

As we have endeavored to be faithful in the past so will we renew our pledge of loyal service to the old soldiers and their dependent ones.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ELLA M. EDSALL,

SARAH J. TRACY,

Department President W. R. C.

Department Secretary.

Encampment proceeded to W. R. C. meeting in a body, after listening to President's address and eating seven or eight crates of apples (Bitter Root fruit,) Encampment returned to their hall and proceeded with the following business:

Committee on J. V. Commanders' report, reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Commander, respectfully recommend that it be adopted and that this Encampment hereby expresses its appreciation of his efforts in maintaining the organization of the Posts mentioned in his report.

F. GEO. HELDT,
J. H. EAYRE,
S. H. ALMON,
Committee.

On motion report adopted.

Committee on Ass't Adjutant General's report, reported as follows:
To the Department Encampment:

Your Committee to which was referred the report of the Ass't Adjutant General, respectfully report that it has examined the same and find it correct and recommend its adoption.

CLAYTON,
HORN,
ALLISON.

Committee on Quartermaster General's report, reported as follows:

May 5th, 1898.

To the Department Encampment:

Your Committee to which was referred the report of the Ass't Quartermaster General, respectfully report that it has examined the same and find it correct and recommend its adoption.

C. B. MILLER,
D. A. SNYDER,
C. W. LOMBARD.

Committee on Chaplain's report, reported as follows:

The committee to which the report of Chaplain was referred, would respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration and find the same to be a very full and carefully prepared report of the affairs of his Department for the year. An error was noted and corrected in making the date death of Comrade W. S. Votaw, Aug. 11. The date should have been Dec. 12, 1897.

Your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the report.

J. B. LOOMIS,
A. H. MORLEY.

Committee on Medical Director's report, reported as follows:

Missoula, May 6th, 1898.

To the Officers and Comrades of Department Encampment:

Your committee to which was referred the report of the Medical Director, respectfully submit the following report. We find the report correct so far as it was possible to make it from the meagre data furnished by the surgeon of the various Posts and regret that greater interest is not manifested in these matters as they are of vital importance to the Encampment and the Grand Army of the Republic.

H. S. TAFT, Chairman.

C. B. MILLER.

Committee on Department Inspector's report, reported as follows:

We, your committee on the report of the Department Inspector, have examined the same and would respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

N. H. MORLEY,

W. N. WRIGHT,

C. B. NEWBURY.

On motion of Comrade Howell, a resolution of thanks was tendered W. R. C. for their magnificent work and interest manifested by them in the Old Soldiers during last year.

Committee consisting of Howell, Sligh and Taft, appointed to draft resolution of thanks to W. R. C.

To the Commandant and Members of 14th Encampment Montana G. A. R.:

Your committee, instructed to convey to the W. R. C. in 5th Annual Encampment, the thanks of this body for the privilege and pleasure afforded it, in being permitted to listen to the address of the President of said Corps, has performed the duty assigned to it, and hereby recommends that said address be printed with the proceedings of this encampment.

H. S. HOWELL, Chairman.

Recess till 1 p. m.

Called to order 1 p. m.

Resolution on monument to Thos. Francis Meagher. Adopted.

RESOLUTION BY ED. S. WALKER.

Resolved: That the Department of Montana G. A. R., heartily endorse the movement inaugurated among the Irish Americans of Montana for the purpose of erecting a monument at some point in this State to the memory of that gallant soldier and patriot, Thomas Francis Meagher, and that all comrades of this Department are requested to aid and assist this movement in any manner they can.

Resolution condemning movement to amend Constitution of G. A. R. in order to introduce new membership. Carried.

RESOLUTION BY ED. S. WALKER.

Whereas: A resolution has been adopted by A. H. Perry Post of the Department of New York, to amend the Rules and Regulations of the G. A. R., so as to make eligible to membership all who have served under the flag of the United States, and,

Whereas: The object of the organization of the G. A. R. was to form an organization of those who aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government in the war of the Rebellion either in the army or navy, therefore, be it

Resolved: That it is the sense of this Encampment that no extensions of this character should be made as it would be in contravention to the objects of the organization.

Resolved: That the delegates of this department be and are hereby instructed to vote against and use all honorable means to defeat any such perversions of the objects of those who were the organizers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Report of committee to extend thanks to W. R. C. Adopted.

Resolution endorsing candidacy of Comrade W. N. Wright to the office of Quartermaster of 1st Montana Volunteers. Adopted.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

Department of Montana, in Encampment Assembled.

Missoula, May 6th, 1898.

Whereas: This Encampment is informed that there is or will be a

vacancy in the office of Quartermaster of the 1st Regiment Montana Volunteers;

Be it Resolved: That this Encampment do hereby most respectfully request the Governor of this State to appoint to that office Comrade Wm. N. Wright, of George G. Meade Post No. 16, G. A. R. of Anaconda.

Resolved: That this Encampment hereby endorses Comrade Wright as an honorable and competent soldier and Christian gentleman.

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander G. A. R.

J. S. WISNER,

Adjutant General G. A. R.

Thanks of Encampment tendered to President Craig of University, for invitation to visit, and invitation declined.

Resolution petitioning Governor to grant authority to organize 2nd Regiment Montana State Militia.

Missoula, May 5th, 1898.

Hon. R. B. Smith, Governor of Montana.

Dear Sir:—The Department of Montana Grand Army of the Republic now in Annual Encampment at Missoula, Montana, respectfully submit the following statement and petition:

Whereas: The United States now being at war with Spain, and the President having called for volunteers to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged, and

Whereas: The President's call for volunteers has designated as the quota from Montana one regiment of infantry, which call will remove from the State all infantry troops now organized under the State laws; and,

Whereas: The State of Montana should be prepared for further calls for troops from the General Government, and should at all times have at the command of the State Government organized troops for such duties as might devolve upon the militia forces of the State; and

Whereas: Montana's civil war veterans, who have the experience of years of actual service, desire to display their patriotism in a practical manner, by the organization of a regiment of State Militia.

Now, therefore: The Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Missoula, Montana, May 5th, 1898, have unanimously adopted the following petition, viz.:

To his Excellency, the Governor of Montana:

Authority for the immediate organization of a Second regiment of twelve companies (either cavalry or infantry) to be apportioned among the cities and counties of Montana, is hereby respectfully petitioned for the said G. A. R. of Montana, the Governor to appoint and commission as line and field officers, veterans of the late civil war, who shall be authorized and instructed to proceed without delay upon the duties of establishing recruiting stations, and organizing above mentioned second regiment.

That said regimental officers while in service of the State of Montana serve without pay or expense to the State other than as directed by the Governor or proper authorities. And it is further asked that such veterans of the late civil war, members of the G. A. R., as may be recommended by a duly appointed committee by this Encampment of said G. A. R., be appointed as line and field officers of said regiment herein petitioned for.

LESTER S. WILLSON,
F. GEO. HELDT,
JOHN L. SLOANE,
J. M. SLIGH,
H. S. HOWELL.

Committee.

Resolution by C. B. Miller to thank Missoula Camera Club for entertainment. Carried.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Department Encampment G. A. R. be tendered to the Missoula Amateur Camera Club for the delightful entertainment given them by the club.

Resolution of thanks from W. R. C. for courtesies extended.

The following resolution was introduced in convention and cordially acted upon:

Whereas: The Department of Montana G. A. R. very kindly printed a synopsis of the Proceedings of the Fourth Department Convention, in their Journal of the Thirteenth Encampment, therefore be it

Resolved: That this Fifth Department Convention tender the Department Officers G. A. R. a rising vote of thanks for this and other courtesies.

G. J. TRACY,
Dept. Sec.

Report of committee to amend resolution on organization of 2nd Regiment Montana State Militia. Read and adopted.

The Department Commander then announced the next order of business to be Election and Installation of Department Officers for ensuing year.

The following tellers were appointed: S. H. Almon and W. N. Wright.

The following officers were then elected:

Department Commander.....	W. H. H. Dickinson
Senior Vice Commander.....	Lee Degenhart
Junior Vice Commander.....	Fred Hopp
Medical Director.....	J. M. Sligh
Chaplain.....	Rev. H. S. Taft
Council of Administration.....	F. Geo. Heldt
	Geo. H. Piatt, P. H. Manchester, B. F. Osborne, E. K. Gregg.
Rep.-at-Large to Nat'l Encampment.....	W. H. Black
Rep.-at-Large to Nat'l Encampment.....	Chas. Horn
Alternate for W. H. Black.....	E. A. Waterbury
Alternate for Chas. Horn.....	John McIrvin

On motion of Comrade J. M. Sligh, seconded by Comrade Howell, the next place of Encampment was fixed at Butte.

Committee appointed to wait on Governor with resolutions: Willson, Sligh, Sloane, Heldt, Howell.

The following resolution was introduced by Comrade Howell, and adopted unanimously:

Resolved: That the hearty thanks of this Encampment be and are hereby tendered to Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, and to the citizens of Missoula, for the able and pleasant manner in which they have received and cared for the members of this encampment, and for the many and kindly social courtesies which have been so generously extended to us.

Comrade Miller introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That the thanks of this encampment be tendered to the Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Assistant Adjutant General, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Inspector General and Mustering Officer for the ability and energy with which they have discharged their onerous duties during the past year.

Col. Dolman appointed as mustering officer to muster the newly elected officers.

Muster of Officers.

COMMANDER'S APPOINTMENTS.

Assistant Adjutant General.....	Samuel Ballou
Quartermaster General.....	Ed. Walker
Mustering Officer.....	W. H. Safford
Judge Advocate General.....	Capt. Howell
Inspector.....	N. H. Morley

Committee on Printing—Comrades Sloane, Ballou, Wisner

Motion that representation remain same as this and last year.

There being no further business the Encampment closed in due form.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Headquarters Department of Montana
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., April 10, 1897.

Department Orders,
No. 1.

I. Comrades:—Having been elected and duly installed Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic at the 13th Annual Encampment, I hereby assume command, thanking the comrades for the honor conferred and fully realizing the great responsibility. I feel assured that every comrade will touch elbow to elbow in assisting to keep the Department up to the bright standard that it has enjoyed in the past.

II. The following staff appointments are hereby announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Assistant Adjutant General—J. S. Wisner, Anaconda.

Assistant Quartermaster General—H. T. Bevan, Helena.

Judge Advocate General—P. H. Hughes, Great Falls.

Inspector General—J. M. Sligh, Philipsburg.

Chief Mustering Officer—J. D. Jenks, Butte.

III. Department Headquarters will be located at Anaconda.

IV. All official business for the Assistant Adjutant General should be addressed to J. S. Wisner, A. A. G., Anaconda.

V. All official business for the Quartermaster General should be addressed to H. T. Bevan, A. Q. G., Helena.

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Montana
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., April 16, 1897.

Department Orders,
No. 2.

I. The 13th Department Encampment held at Anaconda, April 7 to 9, 1897, elected the following officers:

Commander—Thaddeus C. Davidson, Anaconda.

Senior Vice Commander—Geo. T. Chambers, Livingston.

Junior Vice Commander—W. H. H. Dickinson, Missoula.

Chaplain—Geo. W. Jenkins, Stevensville.

Medical Director—Levi E. Holmes, Butte.

Council of Administration—

T. H. Kleinschmidt, Helena.

J. A. Baer, Butte.

H. S. Howell, Virginia City.

J. O. Gregg, Great Falls.

W. N. Wright, Anaconda.

Representatives to National Encampment—

W. A. Haven, Helena.

F. Geo. Heldt, Great Falls.

Alternates—

R. C. Wallace, Helena.

W. H. Yeaton, Livingston.

II. The following staff appointment is announced:

Senior Aid-de-camp and Chief of Staff—Roger Edwards, Anaconda.

III. Post Commanders will forward to these Headquarters the names of comrades (one from each Post) for appointments as Aid-de-camp on the Staff of the Department Commander, also names of comrades (one from each Post) for Assistant Inspectors. Comrades should be selected who will devote the necessary time to the duties of the office.

IV. Post Commander will also forward as soon as possible the names of Post Commanders, S. V. C., J. V. C., Adjutant, Quartermaster, Surgeon and Chaplain, also time of meetings of Posts for the ensuing year.

V. The Commander in behalf of the comrades tenders his earnest thanks to the Woman's Relief Corps for their patriotic and untiring work in assisting us in the growth and prosperity of the Department.

By Command of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., May 1, 1897.

Department Orders,
No. 3.

The 13th Department Encampment of Montana G. A. R. adopted the following resolutions:

I. A resolution to govern in the Department in regard to "Out Posts." Resident members of a Post shall be defined to be those members residing within any town or city within the limits of this Department, or within five or more miles of such town or city, where there are three or more non-resident members in any locality, they may with the consent of the parent post, be organized as an "Out Post" to be designated as Out Post No.— of Post No.— Department of Montana G. A. R. Each Out Post may annually elect from its own members a Sergeant to preside at meetings, such meetings may be held at the home of any comrade at the convenience of the members. There shall be held at least one meeting of each "Out Post" in every three months, and it is hereby made the duty of the Sergeant of the "Out Post" to report to his Post Commander that such meetings have been held and he shall collect the dues of his "Out Post" and transmit the same to the Quartermaster of his post. The application of any person for non-resident membership in an "Out Post" shall be passed upon by the parent Post, and the Post Commander may in person, or by suitable detail, muster in such applicant and for such purpose may at his option administer only the obligation of membership. The dues of the member, of "Out Posts" and of non-resident members shall be not less than one dollar per year, to be paid semi-annually to the parent Post. Members of the Out Posts and non-resident members may visit their parent Post, and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of resident members of such parent Post.

II. Resolution on Representation: That at the next Department Encampment of Montana G. A. R., and thereafter until otherwise enacted the ratio of representation shall be as follows: 1st. Two representatives at large from each Post. 2nd. One representative for each twenty-five members and an additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half that number. Said representation to be based on the number of members in good standing in the several Posts at the date of election of delegates.

III. Comrade E. A. Waterbury, Commander of George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda, to be Chairman of Committee on Printing Proceedings of the 13th Department Encampment, vice B. F. Osborn of Bozeman, resigned.

IV. Assistant Adjutant General J. S. Wisner, of Anaconda, to be a member of Committee on Printing Proceedings of 13th Department Encampment, vice Assistant Quartermaster General H. T. Bevan, of Helena, resigned.

V. Comrade J. A. Baer, of Butte, a member of the Council of Administration, should read J. A. Baker, Butte.

VI. The following comrades have been appointed on the Staff of the Department Commander.

AIDE-DE-CAMPS.

John Canovan—George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.
George B. Sivlerburg—U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.
William Wade—William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

John Marchion—George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.
Andrew Dolfer—U. S. Grant Post No. 14, Miles City.
J. M. Lindley—William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

By Command of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,
Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., May 8, 1897.

Department Orders,

No. 4.

Comrades: Memorial Day is again approaching and with the responsibilities of the occasion there is also a sadness as we reflect that there are new graves to be strewn with flowers and the hands to strew them are gladly but surely becoming fewer and fewer.

As we look forward we realize that soon this work will be left to

other hands, but thank God so long as a drop of G. A. R. blood shall flow in the veins of the American people, so long shall the memory of our comrades be cherished and their graves strewn with nature's fairest flowers on each recurring Memorial Day.

When the last roll call shall have sounded and we all shall have crossed the river and pressed the hands of the comrades who, with us, touched elbow to elbow in the great conflict that wiped the last stain from the American flag, gave its stars a brighter lustre, and made this nation absolutely "the land of the free and the home of the brave"—I doubt not, when we shall pass in grand review before the Grand Commander, that the recording angel, in making up his accounts, will dip his pen afresh in the fountain of true heroism and write, in a clear, bold hand, high up in the blue sky, the deeds of the American soldier.

The Commander urges every Post in the Department to invite the Woman's Relief Corps, that grand, loyal band of women who are planting seeds of patriotism in the fertile soil of the youthful hearts, binding up the wounds and soothing the sorrows of the veterans in their declining years, to assist them in making more extensive preparations than ever before to fittingly commemorate the heroism of the loyal men whose lives were given that the nation might live.

Make your invitations broad and wide. Our sons and daughters belong to us. They are blood of our blood, flesh of our flesh, and they will take up the work where we lay it down.

Remember the school children, for soon they will be called on to man the ship of state and guide the destinies of the nation. Remember, also, all civil societies.

The Commander desires to emphasize the fact that the observance of Memorial Day is not the special province of patriotic societies, but the entire people, the nation as an individual should rise on this day to teach the great object lesson of patriotism.

The Commander most deeply regrets that some people are taking advantage of the legal holiday to transform it into a day of recreation and festivities with sports, games and noisy accompaniments. He therefore urges that the comrades and the people in sympathy with the true spirit of Memorial Day do all in their power to discourage such desecration and to mould public opinion along the lines of proper reverence for the solemn services.

Post Commanders are reminded that May 23rd will be observed as

Memorial Sunday, and they are directed to see that their posts assemble and observe the custom of attending divine service in a body.

May 30th falling upon Sunday this year, Monday, 31st, will be observed as Memorial Day.

By Command of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana

Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., May 26, 1897.

Department Orders,

No. 5.

1. The Thirty-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Buffalo, New York, during the week commencing Monday, August 23, 1897.

Rates of one fare for the round trip within all territory west of Chicago have been agreed upon by the railroads, with a limit of thirty days. The Department Commander requests that all Post Commanders knowing of any comrade of his Post or vicinity who contemplates attending the Encampment at Buffalo, will please notify these headquarters as to the number.

2. Blanks for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending June 30, 1897, are enclosed herewith. Special attention is called to the consolidated blanks for Adjutant and Quartermaster.

3. Post Commanders are requested to give these reports their personal attention and see that they are properly made out and promptly forwarded to these Headquarters.

Compare Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports before sending and see that the number remitted for agrees with the number reported in good standing, thus avoiding delay in having them returned for correction. Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports must agree in every case.

4. All remittances must be made to the order of Henry T. Bevan, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena, Montana.

5. Blanks for report of Post Chaplains having already been sent out,

no time should be lost in making these reports immediately after Memorial Day. Chaplain's report should be sent to Department Chaplain, George W. Jenkins, Stevensville, Montana.

6. The following comrades have been appointed on the staff of the Department Commander:

AIDS-DE-CAMP.

W. P. Rodabank Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Garrison Redd, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

W. H. Yeaton, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Jacob Billings, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

W. H. Black, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

E. H. Reynolds, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Pierce Hoopes, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

R. C. Palmer, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

By Order of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,

Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., October 25, 1897.

Department Orders,

No. 7.

I. The 31st National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., August 23d to 28th, was successful in every particular, bringing together, as it did, a very large number of old veterans. The business session was well attended and much business of importance was transacted for the good of the order. The people of the beautiful city of Buffalo are entitled to a grateful remembrance for the complete preparations and the warm hospitality shown in various ways during the encampment.

II. The Department of Montana was represented in the Grand Parade by ten true and loyal comrades, who sacrificed their time and money in order that the Department be properly represented. The

Commander is very grateful to each and every one of them, and he would not forget the President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Montana, who made the long and wearisome trip alone, that her department might be represented.

III. The Encampment decided to hold the 32d National Encampment in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Commander-in-Chief—J. P. S. Gobin, of Pennsylvania.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Alfred Lyth, of New York.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Francis B. Allen, of Connecticut.

Surgeon General—David McKay, of Texas.

Chaplain-in-Chief—Frank C. Bruner, of Illinois.

IV. The report of the Adjutant General at Buffalo makes a startling disclosure respecting the severe losses in the order from suspensions and delinquent reports. It shows that during the past year the losses from these cases alone have been 39,752. Comrades, this should not be; let us once more stand shoulder to shoulder, touching elbows as of yore and bring our comrades back in the ranks again. As time rolls on the people are coming to realize more and more the grand principles and objects of our order. The subject of reinstating worthy comrades who have been suspended or dropped, is one very near the heart of the Commander. It is hoped and believed that careful attention to proper ways and means of restoring these comrades to active membership will put new life in the Grand Army of the Republic all along the line. I trust that every member will make a personal effort to have a full membership in every locality where a Post is located, and Post officers are urgently requested to keep this in mind, and endeavor to bring into our ranks all who are entitled to become members of our order.

V. Post Commanders are reminded that the time for annual inspection of the various Posts of the Department is at hand. The rules and regulations require that they be made before the 31st of December. No Post can install officers until such inspection is made. Assistant Inspectors are urgently requested to make out their reports promptly after inspection of Posts and forward the same to Department Inspector, J. M. Sligh, Anaconda. Assistant Inspectors' blanks, (form H) have been forwarded to the various Posts.

VI. Blanks for Adjutants and Quartermasters' reports for term ending December 31st, 1897, have been forwarded to each Post, and Post Commanders are requested to give these reports their personal atten-

tion and see that they are properly made and promptly forwarded to these headquarters.

VII. All remittances must be made to the order of Assistant Quartermaster General, Henry T. Bevan, Helena, Montana.

VIII. The Commander would also call the attention of every Post to the fact that its annual election of officers will soon be here. This is a matter of vital importance, and the Commander trusts that none but the best and most active members be selected to fill the several offices of the Posts, members who will give strength and standing in their respective Posts. The same idea should be carried out in selecting delegates to the Department Encampment.

IX. At the 31st National Encampment, held in Buffalo, Comrade John Hallahan, of Geo. G. Meade Post, No. 16, was elected a member of the National Council of Administration for the Department of Montana.

X. It is with sincere regret that the Commander has to announce the death of Comrade John A. Baker, of Lincoln Post, Butte. Comrade Baker was J. V. C. of Lincoln Post, also a member of the Department Council of Administration. As a token of respect the charter of each Post in the Department will be draped for the period of thirty days.

By Command of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., March 22, 1898.

Department Orders,

No. 8.

I. The Fourteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Missoula on the 5th, 6th and 7th of May, 1898. Headquarters will be at the Florence Hotel. The Encampment will convene at 2 o'clock p. m., May 5th, at the Post

room of Winthrop Post No. 11. The Council of Administration will meet at the Florence Hotel at 10 o'clock a. m., May 5th, to audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

II. The following Comrades are appointed Committee on Credentials: J. S. Wisner, Assistant Adjutant General; J. L. Sloane, Past Department Commander and Comrade S. H. Almon of Lincoln Post No. 2. This committee will meet at the Florence Hotel at 11 o'clock a. m., May 5th.

III. Railroad rates from all points in Montana will be one and one-fifth fare, on the certificate plan, subject to a total attendance of fifty or more paying full fare going. Parties attending the Encampment will purchase one way tickets at starting point, not more than three days prior to the opening of the Encampment, May the 5th, taking receipt with the ticket from the ticket agent at the starting point, showing full fare paid going. These certificates when properly filled out and signed by the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, showing that the holder has been in attendance at the Encampment, provided the attendance is sufficient, will be honored by the railroad ticket agent at Missoula, up to and including one day after the Encampment, (Sunday not included) for tickets to return to starting point in Montana at one-fifth fare.

IV. The Commander of Winthrop Post has assured us that ample accommodations will be provided for all. Hotel rates will be from one dollar to four dollars per day, lodgings can be secured at 25c. per night, and meals at 25c. each. The Commander of Winthrop Post is making every effort to make our Fourteenth Annual Encampment a grand success. A committee will meet all trains with list of hotels and their rates, and will escort the visitors to any hotel they may choose.

V. The Commander of Winthrop Post No. 11, will detail from his Post an Officer of the Day and an Officer of the Guard, for duty during the Encampment, also Comrades to act as Sentinels. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions at 1:30 p. m., at the Hall, May 5th.

VI. The Department Commander calls special attention to the request of the Commander-in-Chief, who asks contributions as heretofore, from Posts and Comrades to assist our Comrades in the Southern Departments in paying the annual tribute of flags and flowers to the memory of former comrades, who now rest in the various national cem-

eteries of the south. The membership of the Grand Army in these localities is not large, while the duties devolving upon them are heavy. They must have assistance. The Commander hopes that the Comrades of this Department will donate as much as they feel able to towards this good work of decorating the graves of our Comrades who died on the battlefield or in the hospital far away from home.

VII. Information is requested to be furnished by Post Commanders through their Adjutants by Officers and Comrades generally, through their Post Commanders, to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, for information of Department Commander and Commander-in-Chief, of all cases of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines of the war of the rebellion, who are insane and confined in county homes, almshouses, or are being cared for by their families or friends, such unfortunates not being admitted to state or national homes.

Should this investigation prove that a sufficient number of cases exist to warrant the erection of a Government Hospital for the care and treatment of them, proper steps will be taken to that end and to bring the matter to the attention of Congress.

These cases when reported should be full in every detail, stating if insane, how cared for, whether in an institution, if so, what kind. In all cases give name of soldier, sailor or marine, company, regiment, date of enlistment and discharge if possible, and other information pertinent to the matter under investigation, such as residence, city, county and state. If in care of private families, their post office address.

VIII. Post Commanders are requested to furnish to Assistant Adjutant General, where they have not already done so, names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing December 31, 1897. All Comrades in good standing will be admitted to the Encampment.

IX. The Department Commander trusts that all Comrades who possibly can, will be present at the Encampment. Comrades let us remember that we are now marching down the hill of life and that but a few more years at the utmost are left for us to enjoy the pleasure of meeting our Comrades. Some who gave us the warm fraternal clasp of the hand of Comradship at our last Encampment will not answer the roll call at this Encampment, and some of us who may have the pleasure of clasping hands with Comrades at this Encampment will be mustered out before the next. Comrades these meetings of the old veterans, who have served the nation in the trying days of war, is an object lesson, making as it must a deep impression on the minds of the public, es-

pecially on the young, who will in the future be called to uphold the dignity of the nation, and for this reason Comrades can do much to deepen their usefulness by their presence. These Encampments and their patriotic exercises will arouse love of country and sentiments of patriotism which is of the greatest importance for the future welfare of our great nation, so I trust my Comrades, that you will lay aside the cares of every day life and attend this, the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of this Department, as before another year rolls by, "taps" may have been sounded for many of us.

By Order of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., May 13, 1897.

Special Order

No. 1.

Amending General Order No. 4.

The Commander wishes to call attention to the fact that the Codes make the succeeding instead of the preceding day a legal holiday, where Memorial Day falls on Sunday. The date is therefore changed from Saturday, May 29th, to Monday, May 31st.

Sunday, May 23d, will be observed as Memorial Sunday, as per Order No. 4.

By Order of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

Official,

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., June 14, 1897.

Circular Letter,
No. 1.

Commander: The Department Commander rejoices that after so long a time, and under the many disadvantages that the Board of Managers have had to contend with, that they have the pleasure of announcing to the Comrades that the Montana Soldiers' Home is an assured fact. This has only been accomplished by the determination on the part of the Board of Managers and the valuable services rendered by Ex-Gov. Rickards and the State Officers, who helped to make it possible for the Board to build the Home with very little available funds. The Home will be open not later than June 20, '97. The building is a magnificent structure, and would accommodate about sixty-five inmates; but owing to the fact that the funds for furnishing the Home were cut down by the present State Board, the Home will only be able to provide for about thirty-six.

But the Commander feels thankful that it is possible for us to take that many of our needy Comrades from our county hospitals and alms houses, and make them feel that they are not paupers, but the honored guests of the great State of Montana. The location is an ideal one, and it would seem that the Creator must have designed it for some such purpose. The building is so comfortable and pleasant that the old soldiers will find a home possessed of every comfort and convenience.

The necessary Application Blanks and copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Home, can be obtained of Dr. C. B. Miller, of Helena, Secretary of the Board, or J. R. Hilman, Commandant of the Home, at Columbia Falls.

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,
Department Commander.

J. S. WISNER,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., July 15, 1897.

Circular Letter,
No. 2.

Comrades: The Department Commander takes this opportunity in

behalf of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Montana, to tender to Comrade W. A. Haven, our representative to National Encampment, who is at present located in Buffalo, our most sincere thanks for his untiring zeal in securing most suitable headquarters for this department at Buffalo. Comrade Haven writes:

I have this day secured for the headquarters of the Montana G. A. R. and W. R. C., a most desirable and convenient location, at No. 689 Main Street, Buffalo, on line of march, within two blocks of National Headquarters, in a two-story brick house, with vine covered veranda, and large shade trees in front. Electric cars pass both ways every minute. For Headquarters G. A. R., one large room on ground floor with one bed at \$10 for use from August 20th to August 27th, across hallway, one large room with two beds for ladies of W. R. C. Headquarters, at same price. Up stairs sleeping accommodations for twenty persons at one dollar per day each. Bath room in house.

Comrade Haven assures us that everything is being done by our comrades in Buffalo to make our visit in their beautiful city a grand success.

The National Encampment will convene on Monday, August 23d. The Department Headquarters will go via Lake route, leaving Anaconda Saturday, August 14th, in time to connect at Duluth with steamer on Tuesday, August 17th, arriving at Buffalo Friday, August 20th. Comrades not wishing to start so early, can leave Montana in time to connect with steamer at Duluth Friday, August 20th, arriving at Buffalo Tuesday, August 24th. Comrades going by rail will understand that all roads east of Chicago are one cent a mile. Rates west of that point, one fare for the round trip, limit thirty days. The Commander sincerely hopes that all comrades and ladies of W. R. C. who possibly can, will attend. Let us lay aside our business and household cares for the occasion, pack our knapsack and go.

On account of the National Encampment at Buffalo, these headquarters will be closed from August 14th to September 1st, 1897.

The comrades' attention is called to enclosed circular, entitled, "A Birthday Testimonial to Mrs. Annie Wittermyer," endorsed by Commander-in-Chief Clarkson.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of meeting many of the com-

rades and ladies of this Department at the Encampment at Buffalo, and once more clasp hands with comrades.

In F. C. and L.,

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Anaconda, Mont., January 10, 1898.

Circular Letter,

No. 3.

The Department Commander, having recently visited the Soldiers' Home, takes pleasure in announcing that the inmates are happy and contented with their surroundings, and that the management is harmonious and without friction. This, in itself, is especially gratifying, not only to the Commander but also to the entire Board. Yet, notwithstanding the harmony which prevails, and the success which has so far attended the Home, there are serious drawbacks to its completeness and efficiency which the Commander desires to present for your consideration.

While the building itself is apparently ample for the present needs, having capacity for fifty to fifty-five inmates, there are beds and bedding but for thirty-six, the present number of occupants. This condition necessarily prevents further admissions for which there are at present, several applicants.

How to care for these old veterans is a subject very near the Commander's heart. The equipment fund, entirely inadequate at the start, is exhausted and no more will be available during the present year. It is desirable to supply furniture for at least ten more inmates, which will cost, if uniform with present equipment, about three hundred dollars. It is with reluctance that the Commander brings this subject before the various Posts of the Department, knowing, as he does, their weakness in numbers and the numerous local appeals to their generosity. But the fact remains that some of our old Comrades need the helping hand, and need it now, and it is thought that such donations as

the Posts and patriotic citizens through the Posts, can make, supplemented by the efforts of our loyal, warm hearted and ever generous auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, whose charities are only exceeded by their virtues; will accomplish the desired result.

Hoping for earnest and prompt co-operation to the extent of each comrade's ability, the Commander leaves the matter in your hands. Donations may be forwarded to Dr. C. B. Miller, Secretary of Soldiers' Home, Helena, Montana, stating for what purpose intended.

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic.
Anaconda, Mont., January 31, 1898.

Special Order,
No. 2.

I. Comrades: It is with a deep sense of sorrow at the loss, and with heartfelt sympathy for his family, that the Commander announces the death of Assistant Quartermaster General, Henry T. Bevan, of Wadsworth Post No. 3 of Helena, who was mustered out by the Great Commander-in-Chief of us all, on January 15th, 1898, at Helena, Montana. Comrades, we can say of him that he was a true and loyal comrade, a faithful and untiring worker in the Grand Army.

II. All Post Charters in the Department will be draped for the period of thirty days in memory of Comrade H. T. Bevan.

III. Comrade Ed. S. Walker, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, is hereby appointed Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Montana, G. A. R., vice Henry T. Bevan, deceased. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. All Post Commanders are requested to send to these headquarters the names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing in their respective posts.

By Command of

THADDEUS C. DAVIDSON,

Department Commander.

J. S. WISNER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

AT THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

HELD AT

MISSOULA, MONTANA,

MAY 5-7, 1898.

Woman's Relief Corps.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, ELLA M. EDSALL,
DELIVERED AT MISSOULA, MAY 6th, 1898.

Officers and Members of the Fifth Department Convention Woman's Relief Corps:

Those of you who were present at our last Convention will remember that after I had been unanimously elected and, later, installed as Department President, I said: "Ladies, I am pleased to greet you as my official family for the coming year. Do not forget that all through it, your interests are mine and that at any and all times, my services are yours." I have tried amid the sunshine and the clouds, which have sometimes lowered upon the sky, to keep this pledge. It has been the thought pre-eminent in my life. Even when returning from National Convention, in response to a telegram, and facing the overwhelming sorrow of finding my dear, dear father gone, to "that bourne from whence no traveler returns," yet, while my heart was crushed with grief, my thought was: The Department work must not be neglected because of my sorrow, and resolutely turned to attend to the duty lying nearest me.

If, by some magic touch there could be made to appear in this report, the life, energy and soul put into the work, it would speak of hours of willing labor and conscientious devotion to "whatever the Order required of me." Yet my feeling is, I bring you, as a result of this devotion, "nothing but leaves," for as the record of the year is closed, we can only see the plain facts.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK

After assuming control of the work we soon found the financial condition of the Department to be such as required the practice of strictest economy, and all through the year have faced a possibility of insolvency. In view of the low state of our treasury, I would recommend that Corps continue to pay 15 cents per member, per capita tax, the coming year.

A discouraging state of affairs also existed in Corps No. 2, which caused us great anxiety and necessitated a visit to the Corps. This I

made on May 13th, in company with the Department Secretary, and after hearing both sides and carefully examining the books under discussion, we rendered an impartial decision. Past Department Counselor, Frances E. Moore, who was thoroughly acquainted with the trouble, visited the Corps, after this, with my approval since which time they have been working more harmoniously. Still another cause for anxiety was the weakness and contemplated disbanding of Custer Corps No. 8, of Sheridan. Their secretary wrote me the Corps was in a feeble condition; no regular meeting had been held for more than two years; and no one had paid any dues for a longer time than that; so many other orders had been organized which had taken the interest from the W. R. C., that it was useless to struggle longer. I wrote encouraging, pleading letters, hoping that among these few, faithful ones might be found who would continue the work and hold the Charter. But in vain. On Nov. 20th their Charter and supplies reached Department Headquarters, and our little circle was broken, one link had dropped from the chain which I had hoped might be lengthened and strengthened, as the year passed away.

The Corps, though few in number, and far separated by the magnificent distances of our State, have been quite prompt in forwarding quarterly reports throughout the year, so they have been in the hands of Department Secretary and Treasurer in time to consolidate and forward to National Secretary before the expiration of the allotted time. But many times have they been incorrectly forwarded, sometimes without check for per capita tax, sometimes sent to Department Treasurer instead of Secretary, involving much writing and uncertainty as to whether we should be able to properly locate them in time to consolidate for National Headquarters. The end of each quarter has been an anxious time for us at Department Headquarters, and has often suggested the thought: what an immense amount of work might be saved the Department Executive Officers, if those in local Corps were careful to consult Rules and Regulations, as well as General Orders, and promptly act upon the instructions found therein. The Corps have contributed nobly, considering their numbers, to all funds submitted for their consideration.

A decision of our last Department Convention was that Corps contribute at the rate of 25 cents per member to the Fund for expenses of Department President to National Convntion.

All Corps responded to this, making a total of.....	\$ 62.75
Contributions to fund for flowers and flags for southern graves...	6.00
The Annie Witten Meyer Birthday Testimonial fund rec'd....	6.00
Estimated value of donations to Soldiers' Home.....	275.32
Also a piano from Lincoln Corps valued at.....	311.00

These amounts, with their per capita tax, and necessary expenses, such as rent of hall, delegates expenses to Department Convention and local relief work, represent a considerable outlay of money from the eight Corps of our Department. There is great need that the weaker, isolated Corps should be visited by a capable Department Officer to instruct and encourage the members, and probably, if given the opportunity, she would interest ladies outside the Order to join it. Such visits could not fail to be beneficial. We have heard the Macedonian cry, "Come and help us," and would gladly have responded, had it been possible. It has been suggested that I recommend to this Convention that the Corps contribute to a Fund to be raised for this purpose. I understand the great need and have carefully considered the matter, but do not think it expedient to place any more financial burdens upon the Corps at present. However, as it is necessary that the Department of Montana be represented in National Convention, I recommend that the decision of Fourth Department Convention, viz.: "That Corps pay twenty-five cents per member towards defraying Department President's expenses to National Convention, the same to be sent with June reports," be continued and effective for this year of 1898.

On May 8th, a letter from Mary E. Sires, of Great Falls, member of Department Executive Board, contained information of a blind Army Nurse, there who was very anxious to enter the National W. R. C. Home, at Madison, Ohio. The applicant seemed to be in every way a worthy woman, and being afflicted with blindness, our sympathies were quickly enlisted to aid her. A correspondence was begun with Mrs. Cowles, Secretary of the National Home Board, which resulted in an application being sent to the lady in question. This was later filled out and returned to the Home Board for action.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Cowles at Buffalo, and she informed me that the evidence as to the lady having been an Army Nurse was not sufficiently strong. Therefore soon after returning home, correspondence was continued, hoping to secure more conclusive testimony, when, suddenly, all our plans and work was brought to

naught, for the lady concluded to return to relatives of whom we had known nothing before, and thus the good work we had hoped to do, was left without fruition. My sincere thanks are due Mrs. Sires for her conscientious and intelligent efforts in this case.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

In the State of Massachusetts, Soldiers' Home hangs a motto: "For what he was, and all he dared, remember him today."

How appropriate are these words for the disabled, aged veterans, who now seek the sheltering care of our Soldiers' Home.

They have fought the righteous fight for human liberty and unity, their laurels are secure, and now, in peace and contentment may their days be spent, till, at the final roll call, they are summoned to the crossing of the river and tenting on a new camp ground.

It was my ambition to enlist the Corps in raising funds to assist in furnishing the "Home," and early in my administration, I wrote Col. P. R. Dolman, Chairman of Soldiers' Home Board, formally pledging the aid of the Corps of the Department to this work, if he would kindly notify me of any need. No reply reached me, and so, for a time the matter rested.

In July, Past Department President, Mrs. Manchester, wrote me that Mr. Manchester would assure us free transportation for all donations for the Home, if ready for shipment by August 1st. All Corps were immediately notified to this effect but there was a delay of six weeks before ours of Corps No. 3, left Bozeman, although prepared to ship August 1st. I believe all Corps have generously responded to a call for donations by sending many things which they felt would add to the comfort of the veteran inmates, while Lincoln Corps, of Butte has the honor of being the banner Corps in this respect.

The thanks of this Department are due, and are hereby tendered by me, as its representative, to Comrade P. H. Manchester, and the officials of the roads which so kindly furnished gratuitous transportation, thus making it possible for our Corps to add many comforts to the Home, which otherwise would have been impossible. This work for us has only begun, for with an increased number of inmates, comes increased needs. Let us continue, with our hearts in this work, that it may truly be said of each one, "she has done what she could."

MEMORIAL DAY.

We sincerely regret that on the one day of the year, which is distinctively designated as sacred to the Grand Army of the Republic, there should be a desire on the part of any one to desecrate its solemnity by sport, or levity. We feel that the Woman's Relief Corps by example and influence, is aiding in its observance, more and more, and that people generally are coming to regard it as their Memorial Day, so that our cemeteries are virtually changed to spots of beauty and perfume on the 30th day of May.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Mark B. Taylor, in his official report to the National Encampment, last year, when referring to the aid rendered by our Order toward the observance of Memorial Day, said, "It is becoming more and more evident that the efficiency of the Woman's Relief Corps has never been adequately measured, nor sufficiently appreciated." Let us make increased efforts to secure the participation of the children, our citizens of the future, in the patriotic exercises and in strewing flowers upon the veterans' last resting places, whose fast increasing number is appalling. Over 20,000, we are told, annually drop from the ranks in this battle of life. I would suggest, there is no better way to impress upon the youth of our land the significance of this holy day, than to request that the last regular session of all the public schools prior to Memorial Day, be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature. Ladies use your influence to this end.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Early in the year Corps Presidents were instructed to appoint a Corps Patriotic Committee of three, whose chairman should report work accomplished at the end of the convention year to Frances E. Moore, Chairman of Department Committee on Patriotic Instruction. We shall hear their reports later. This important work is being systematically carried on by our Order, and is begun by introducing the flag and flag salute in the school room. Quite recently, upon being questioned, a boy of eight years said to me they "could not have the flag salute in their grade because the teacher said they had no flag." My sisters of the Relief Corps, here is your opportunity and duty as I see it: if a teacher cannot, or does not secure a flag for her room, cannot you purchase one for that room which shall remain there? I believe a flag should be displayed in every school room in this broad land, even in the higher grades where

the salute is not regularly given. Let it be deftly arranged where easily seen and thus become a part of the school life of all pupils, during these most impressionable years. As a result, I believe they will, in maturer years feel that next to God is their country, next to the Bible the flag.

ANDERSONVILLE PRISON PROPERTY.

At the Fourteenth National Convention held in St. Paul, the Woman's Relief Corps accepted the Andersonville Prison Property from the Department of Georgia, G. A. R. This tract of ground consists of 88 acres, 25 of which were used for prison purposes and enclosed with a strong stockade. This is about fifteen hundred feet away from the National Cemetery, where nearly eighteen thousand Union soldiers, who suffered and died there, are buried. The Woman's Relief Corps felt it would be sacrilegious to allow this sacred soil, baptized and hallowed by the blood and tears of Union soldiers, to be ever used for common purposes. Therefore, after accepting the trust they immediately planned improvements. The Relief Corps throughout the United States responded generously to a call for five cents per member, and the fund has now reached \$3,500. It was decided at the last National Convention to fence the whole eighty-eight acres with a strong wire fence to keep people from trespassing on the ground, build a house of seven or eight rooms, and place therein some worthy veteran to take care of the property. The ground known as the "Prison Pen" is to be sown with Bermuda grass seed, the only grass which will grow in the hot, dry sand to be found in Andersonville.

What a comfort it is, my sisters, to know that we, by our contributions, are aiding in this noble work.

REPORT OF TRIP TO BUFFALO.

Incidents of the trip to National Convention, W. R. C., Buffalo, August 25th and 26th, 1897.

Leaving Bozeman, Saturday morning, August 20, on our long anticipated trip to Buffalo, we made good time on the Northern Pacific road till midnight, when the engine became disabled and left the track, taking the tender with it, while the coaches were miraculously saved from being derailed. After a delay of four hours our train was again under way, but as a consequence of the fright and excitement, sleep was out of the question, the remainder of the night. Excepting this accident,

"all was well" and we reached Buffalo Monday night at twelve o'clock. Early next morning our attention was attracted by sounds of martial music and hurrying out of doors, we viewed a procession of ex-prisoners of war and naval veterans, escorted by the "American Guard," or, in other words, the school boys of Buffalo. Those marching numbered about four thousand, but this meant more than mere numbers. There was represented the soldiers of the past and the soldiers of the future, portrayed in living pictures. They were accompanied by bands discoursing inspiring music, and we felt the day had well begun. The remainder of it was spent in visiting a few stores, all gay in their holiday attire, viewing the elaborate decorations inside and out and the beautiful arches for this occasion. Everywhere welcome extended to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Buffalo's Triumphal Arch spanned Main Street, its most populous thoroughfare, and was surmounted by a life size group of two buffaloes, near which stood a figure holding a crown of laurel in its extended hand. All this was covered with white stuff and at night illuminated by a powerful search light from the top of an adjacent building, giving the Arch a supernatural beauty. Another of unique design was the G. A. R. Arch. Arranged upon it at a dizzy height, was the word "Welcome." At night a border of electric lights, 2,000 in number, outlined these letters, twinkling like lights from fairyland. A third arch erected by the colored men of Buffalo, showed their interest and loyalty. It was inscribed in large letters, with the words, "They fought for the liberty we now enjoy." Brilliant electric illuminations abounded along Main Street at night, such as large representations of flags, pulsating with rich color; G. A. R. badges and shields ten feet high displayed in the windows and alive with brilliancy. That the people enjoyed all this was evidenced by the crowds which filled the street day and night. We had invitations to eight receptions and camp fires, in the evening, but as it was impossible to divide ourselves into eight equal parts and attend all, we were contented with two, and passed an evening which will long be treasured in the memory. We first attended a reception given in the Music Hall, where the members of the Ladies Citizens Committee acted as hostesses. Elegant costumes and fine music delighted us here. Later a camp fire held in the large First Methodist Episcopal Church, was a different source of enjoyment. Thrilling experiences of war times were related, and such enchanting rendering of the old war songs

music, by band and pipe organ as brought tears to the eyes and filled the heart with indescribable emotions.

Among those who spoke was our Comrade, Rev. T. C. Iliff, also Bishop Fowler of the M. E. Church, Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, and last and best, President McKinley.

The next night we attended another reception, where I was one of fifteen hundred, who shook hands with the President. It was a treat for us, but I pitied the President.

Next day, Wednesday, we witnessed the long anticipated parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is impossible to enter into details, therefore I will only note the main and most important features. The day was perfect, a great boon to the 42,000 veterans who marched. The parade began at 10:30 a. m. and was six hours passing the reviewing stand. The route covered a distance of two and one-half miles, on fine asphalt streets and principally on shaded avenues. As early as six in the morning people appeared along the route, many carrying lunch baskets and camp stools, evidently prepared to spend the day. At nine o'clock the streets were wired along the line of march. We had a delightful, shady seat near the Living Shield. Probably you all know this Shield was planned after the manner of the Living Flag, seen at St. Paul, in 1896. It was so located that all veterans marched toward it for three blocks and had a fine opportunity to look and enjoy its magnitude, and beauty, while the 2,000 children composing it, dressed in red, white and blue, sang patriotic and war songs with a spirit which aroused the enthusiasm of all.

The childrens' cheering and salutes to important features in the parade were magnetic, and the crowds took up the cheer again, and yet again scarcely knowing the reason why. Long as memory lasts, I shall never forget this stirring sight, nor the beauty of the waving of these 2,000 white hands.

President McKinley was among the first in line and soon as recognized, was greeted with a cheer like a roll of thunder. Later he stood upon the reviewing stand until every soldier had passed. There were bands with uniforms of different and wondrous hues: but the music knew no changes. It was the sublime strains of the battle songs of the Grand Old Army. It mattered not who played them, they were singing in the souls and humming in the hearts of all who watched the veterans go by. The Grand Army Posts of Illinois led in the parade, while as a

matter of courtesy, New York, the State entertaining, was last. Wisconsin came second, her bands playing, Marching Through Georgia, her banners and colors flying in the breeze. On a tall standard was carried a badger, and on another lofty roost perched a great eagle. A little Indian girl marched between them. This division numbered 2,000 men. All the veterans from a large Post in Ohio carried red, white and blue umbrellas. Following them were four men carrying a huge brass canteen, mounted on a platform. Another Post waived great white placards inscribed: "We were boys from '61 to '65, we are boys today." A very tall soldier dressed as "Uncle Sam" brought up the rear of this division. At the head of Nebraska's column a huge sugar beet was borne aloft on a pole with a placard reading: "This is Nebraska's sugar beet, we coin the sunshine." Every man from Nebraska, and there were 500 of them, carried a sugar beet, stuck full of tiny flags, on an upright staff. In Michigan's column was carried a large rooster perched on a pole with a placard below announcing that the fowl was captured by 'Michiganders' at Spotsylvania Court House, May 12th, 1864. The veteran who carried the fowl was in his bare feet, while a comrade carried his shoes. Iowa's men carried ears of corn; Kansas veterans wore huge sunflowers on the left breast. Minnesota men had beards of wheat in their hats. The Montana soldier boys followed among the smaller Departments, and though few in number, were a credit to her, and our little party of Montana ladies cheered them frantically. If I were asked what feature of the parade affected me most and received the greatest homage from the people, I should say the old battle flags. This was demonstrated when Geo. E. Meade Post of Pennsylvania, passed, the band playing, "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys," and the "boys" were singing it, while they rallied round twenty-four old battle flags. The stars were dim and the red, white and blue was faded. The staffs were splintered and the silken folds bound close to them. The eagles were gone from many of the peaks, the luster of their gorgeous hues was lost. But in those shreds and tatters, was the memory of Antietam, of the bloody fight at Spotsylvania, of the shriek of shell and the whistle and sing and bite of bullets. They loomed aloft as monuments of the men who fell at their feet and were considered sacred by the vast throngs who did them homage.

After the parade President McKinley said: "Even to a veteran, the sight was a most surprising as well as inspiring one. It is too bad that every child in the country could not see it, for it surely would inspire

patriotism, and inculcate all the good qualities that go to make up the American citizen. I had never supposed, until today, that so many brave survivors of the war were capable of following martial music through city streets. Such a display of patriotic courage cannot fail to be of benefit to the entire country." It is all over now. The parade, so long anticipated, is history today. It was a grand pageant, a magnificent march forward to review. As the years go by, the grand old army will dwindle and disappear. But when the last great assembly sounds from the battlements beyond the skies, the silent sleepers in the tents of earth will fall in for the final review, where the hosts of those who were heroes on earth will join the ranks of the Lord of Hosts."

It is not necessary I should here speak of the proceedings of National Convention, for, on Nov. 8th, last year, there was forwarded to each Corps President, a letter to be read at the first regular meeting after its receipt, which gave a synopsis of the work performed and of features most interesting to Corps members. Though I know of no precedent for this unofficial letter, I felt that while the events were still fresh in my mind, it was a pleasant duty to present a concise report of them to the Corps whose contributions made this trip possible for me. I wished especially you might understand the requirements of the new flag work which was adopted by this supreme body of our Order. I hope all Corps in this Department have secured flags with stands, and perfected themselves in the drill, which is certainly an attractive addition to our floor work. The letter also, contained a request for Department Aides to interest themselves in the work of furnishing means for the re-instatement of old soldiers in the various Posts, who were unable to pay their dues.

The Journal of the Fifteenth National Convention is now in the hands of Corps Presidents, and I urge upon them a more thorough perusal of these Journals, and the explanation to members of the purposes of the W. R. C., and the various funds to which, from time to time, we contribute. I can say from experience, the more thoroughly the objects of this Order are understood, the more interest and zealous devotion will they evoke.

IN MEMORIAM.

We are grateful to the Giver of all good, that the grim reaper, Death, has this year passed by the field in which we glean and that we are not called upon to write, "In Memoriam" for any of our number.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

My cordial thanks are hereby tendered Department Commander, G. A. R., Thaddeus C. Davidson, also Past Department Commander, Lester S. Willson, for the kindness and many courtesies shown me while in Buffalo. I appreciate these personally and also consider them representative of the cordial feelings existing between the G. A. R. and W. R. C. I would also acknowledge the favor shown us by the Department, G. A. R., in gratuitously publishing a synopsis of the Proceeding of our Fourth Annual Convention, in the Journal of their Thirteenth Encampment.

I recommend a vote of thanks be tendered by this Convention, to the Department of Montana G. A. R., and a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department Encampment, now in session. To our able Secretary and other Department officers who have been associated with me the year round, from Spring to Spring, I would say, as we sever this pleasant relationship, "please accept my heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of interest and sympathy, which have come to me, like sunbeams through a cloud of sorrow. If I have been able to impart to you, the thought pre-eminent in my life, the past year, that your interests were mine, personally and officially, in our mutual endeavor to advance the aims and objects of the W. R. C., then I am content." I have endeavored to preside over the Department affairs, "with malice toward none, with charity for all."

Let us not forget that the deeds of today, make history for the future, therefore may the deliberations of this Convention exemplify our triune motto, by the application of fraternal feeling, charitable action and loyal thought, for each other, as well as for that grand organization whose honored auxiliary we are.

Who, living, are true and tried, for us,

Who, dying, sleep side by side for us,

That noble band

That hallowed the land

With the blood they shed as a tide for us.

As Department President, I bid you farewell. May the great Commander of us all, guard and direct this Order.



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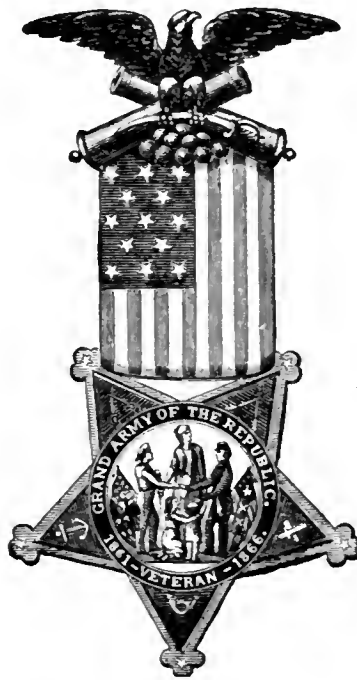
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Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Butte, Mont., April 5, 1899

Pursuant to General Orders No. 7, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met in the Post Room of Lincoln Post No. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Encampment was opened in due form by Commander, W. H. Dickinson, Post Chaplain J. D. Jenks making the opening prayer.

General Orders convening the Encampment were then read by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Roll of officers called.

Following the roll call of officers, the Department Commander appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

P. H. Manchester,
Samuel Bellew,
H. S. Howell.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

J. D. Eaton,
T. H. Kleinschmidt,
A. N. Bull,
C. B. Miller,
F. Geo. Heldt.

S. H. Almon, Commander of Lincoln Post, then delivered an

Address of Welcome to the Encampment on behalf of Lincoln Post and citizens of Butte.

L. D. Beary was appointed as assistant to the A. A. General.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Butte, Montana, April 5th, 1899.

To the Fifteenth Encampment Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Commander:—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the list of those entitled to vote in this encampment, as prepared by the Assistant Adjutant General, and recommend that the same be adopted as the roll of this encampment.

Whole number entitled to vote as shown by reports is as follows:

Department Officers.....	10 votes
Council of Administration.....	5 “
Past Department Commanders.....	12 “
Post Commanders, Past Post Commanders and Representatives	68 “
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Total.....	95 “

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander.....	*W. H. H. Dickinson
S. V. Commander.....	*Lee Degenhart
J. V. Commander.....	Fred Hopp
Medical Director.....	*J. M. Sligh
Chaplain	Rev. H. S. Taft
Assistant Adjutant General.....	*Samuel Bellew
Assistant Quartermaster General.....	*Ed. S. Walker
Judge Advocate.....	*H. S. Howell
Inspector.....	*N. H. Morley
Chief Mustering Officer.....	W. H. Safford
Council of Administration.....	*F. Geo. Heldt
“ “	Geo. H. Piatt
“ “	*P. H. Manchester
“ “	B. F. Osborne
“ “	E. K. Gregg

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

*W. H. Black

*Charles Horn

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

E. A. Waterbury

John McIrvine

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller

Jas. E. Callaway

John L. Sloane

Chas. S. Warren

Ed. F. Ferris

J. O. Gregg

Junius G. Sanders

H. C. Kessler

*Peter R. Dolman

*R. E. Fisk

*Lester S. Willson

*Thaddeus C. Davidson

LINCOLN POST NO. 2, BUTTE—58 MEMBERS,

Representatives

*Thomas Boyle

*W. P. Claybourne

Pat Fox

*W. H. Black

Alternates

*S. H. Bruce

J. N. Ham

*James Corkwell

*The. H. Merithew

COMMANDER.

*S. H. Almon.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*P. R. Dolman

*Levi E. Holmes

*J. D. Jenks

John Railey (d)

C. S. Warren

*J. H. Jackson

H. C. Kessler

James E. Dowd

C. S. Shoemaker

*John B. Scott

*W. P. Rodebank

*B. N. Beebe

*J. B. Glover

*P. H. Manchester

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3 HELENA—102 MEMBERS.

Representatives

*Wm. Potter

*L. D. Beary

*Charles Horn

C. B. Newbury

*James Crump

*J. A. Schmidt

Alternates

*Garrison Redd

*Harrison Asbury

A. T. Newbury

*John Morris

Adam Stephan

*John Haggerty

COMMANDER.

George H. Piatt.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Thos. P. Fuller (d)	C. F. Gage
*R. C. Wallace	*T. H. Kleinschmidt
J. G. Sanders	A. P. Webster
R. A. Craig	
*Geo. W. Shaw	S. A. Swiggett
*Robert E. Fisk	*Jas. B. Loomis
H. F. C. Kleinschmidt	*C. B. Miller
*Ed. S. Walker	Frank P. Sterling
J. H. Mills, P. P. C., Thomas Post No. 4.	
S. K. Fishel, P. P. C., Buford Post No. 1.	
L. Whitney, P. P. C., Logan Post No. 15.	

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6, VIRGINIA CITY—14 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
John M. King	*H. S. Howell
*A. B. Knight	*A. E. Gloyd

COMMANDER.

*A. E. Gloyd.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Jas. E. Callaway	John H. Davis
H. N. Blake	J. B. Howe
Stephen Ganain	Samuel Page
Eugene Starks (d)	H. L. Childs
J. B. Carruthers	*A. E. Gloyd
Thomas P. Cox	O. D. Linsley

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7, LIVINGSTON—26 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
Jos. E. Ferte	A. Dennis
Samuel Geyser	George Geer

COMMANDER.

W. P. Mulholland.

PAST COMMANDERS.

F. W. Wright	Thos. J. Mains
John Skillen	A. B. Hicks
Geo. T. Chambers	Wm. H. Yeaton
N. Ebert	J. F. Lawrence

STEADMAN POST NO. 8, DILLON—13 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
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COMMANDER.

Fred Hopp.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Fred Hopp	Jos. Rich
Thos. Loughbridge	Benj. Bond
O. Klemn	

WM. ENGLISH POST NO. 10, BOZEMAN—27 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
R. M. Whitefoot	W. H. Tracy
E. F. Campbell	Jesse Lambert

COMMANDER.

D. I. Breneman.

PAST COMMANDERS.

Ed. F. Ferris	*J. H. Nixon
*J. M. Lindley	*L. S. Willson
B. F. Osborne	*T. M. Pierce
W. Y. Smith	Chas. H. Sprague
*J. A. McElroy	A. J. Edsall
C. E. Lancaster	Henry Hellinger
*W. S. Mathews	

FRED. WINTHROP POST NO. 11, MISSOULA—18 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
Wm. H. Raymond	

COMMANDER.

David Bundy.

PAST COMMANDERS.

J. L. Sloane	W. E. Bancroft
Wm. Landers	*W. H. H. Dickinson
Andrew Moore	L. W. Grantier
C. W. Lombard	*Samuel Bellew
*W. H. Raymer	

THOS. L. KANE POST NO. 12, GLENDIVE— —MEMBERS.

GEO. G. MEADE POST NO. 16, ANACONDA—26 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
*Benj. Sweeny	*T. O'Leary
*A. Dildine	*Homer C. Smith
*Geo. Elston	D. Hefferon

COMMANDER.

*W. N. Wright.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*T. C. Davidson	Roger Edwards
*J. S. Wisner	*Eber Golden
*A. Short	E. A. Waterbury
John Hallahan	

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18, GREAT FALLS, 43 MEMBERS.

Representatives	Alternates
N. A. Chamberlain	D. W. Beecher
J. C. Epler	*Sterling McDonald
J. T. Eaton	James Gibson
John F. Ashen	Samuel Dean

COMMANDER.

Robert P. Herbold.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*F. Geo. Heldt	John A. Clark
J. O. Gregg	Wm. H. Safford
Frank Coombs	John Mohs
P. H. Hughes	Ephraim Mitchell

G. K. WARREN POST NO. 20, FORT BENTON—16 MEMBERS.

Representatives

Alternates

COMMANDER.

John C. Duff.

PAST COMMANDERS.

John C. Duff

J. J. Donnelly

JOHN C. FREMONT POST NO. 21, HAMILTON—10 MEMBERS

BURNSIDE POST NO. 22, PHILIPSBURG—18 MEMBERS.

Representatives

Alternates

*Albert Finklebaugh

Henry Roberts

*Samuel Sprague

Lawrence Pence

COMMANDER.

A. D. Gillis.

PAST COMMANDERS.

J. K. Pardee

*L. C. Degenhart

W. T. Allison

Elijah Powell

Morris Sharp

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23, KALISPEL—22 MEMBERS.

Representatives

Alternates

*Jacob Billings

A. C. Torrence

*W. P. Emerson

E. K. Greig

COMMANDER.

*J. D. Eaton.

PAST COMMANDERS.

D. J. Plume

R. C. Palmer

J. H. Ayers

W. J. Sparks

GEO. B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 24, COLUMBIA FALLS—21 MEMBERS.

Representatives

J. R. Hilman

M. J. King

*H. H. Garr

Alternates

G. S. Harrison

T. F. Abbott

M. W. Bailey

COMMANDER.

D. A. Snyder.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*H. H. Garr

*N. H. Morley, P. P. C., Meade Post No. 16.

MOODY POST NO. 25, ENNIS—9 MEMBERS.

Representatives

Alternates

COMMANDER.

G. W. Burns.

PAST COMMANDERS.

*A. N. Bull

John Ormston

G. W. Burns

GARFIELD POST NO. 26, CARLTON—14 MEMBERS.

Representatives

Alternates

COMMANDER.

W. H. Reed.

PAST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Reed.

We recommend that Representatives from Posts other than the Post where the Encampment is held, be entitled to cast the votes of the absent Representatives, as the majority of them may direct.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

P. H. MANCHESTER,

H. S. HOWELL,

SAMUEL BELLEW.

Committee.

Report adopted as read.

Roll call of Representatives.

NOTE—Those marked with (*) were present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

We your committee on Order of Business and Rules of Order recommend the following for the government of the Department of Montana, G. A. R. Encampment:

1. Opening of Department Encampment in due form.
2. Calling roll of officers.
3. Report of committee on credentials.
4. Calling the roll of members.
5. Report of officers, beginning with that of Department Commander.
6. Appointment of committee on Memorial Service. Appointment of committee of three on distribution. Appointment of committee of three on State of the Order.
7. Reception and reference of communications from Posts, to be called according to seniority.
8. Reception and reference of communications from individuals.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Good of the order.
13. Election of officers.
14. Installation of officers.
15. Closing exercises.

J. D. EATON,
T. H. KLEINSCHMIDT,
A. N. BULL,
C. B. MILLER,
F. GEORGE HELDT.

Committee.

The Department Commander's address was then read and referred to the following committee:

Geo. W. Shaw,
W. P. Rodebank,
Albert Tinklebaugh.

ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,
W. H. H. DICKINSON.

Comrades of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic: I welcome you to this, the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, in this "the largest mining camp in the world," the City of Butte. One year ago, in Missoula, the University City of Montana, you exalted me to the highest station of honor within your gift, and placed in my hands the gavel of authority to control the destinies of this association of men, whose lives and actions have been the observed of all observers the world over for the last thirty-eight years. You exacted from me no reluctant promises, neither did you impose on me any oppressive commands, but you expected me to do my duty as a soldier, and keep the swords of protection pointing outwardly, to protect those who had grown weak and debilitated in protecting others.

The stranger will say, who are these men, and what is their trade, profession or calling? Why this convocation of men whose locks are whitening in the frosts of sixty winters, and whose trembling limbs and wrinkled brows betoken that many, many eventful years have passed before them. What of these ties they speak of that have been welded in the fires of battle. When, where and by whom formed?

Let us ask what the Muse has written for us during this welding process.

"Thundered the guns of the South-land, under the stars and bars,
Thundered the guns of the North-land, under the stripes and stars;
Deep hung the smoke of the conflict, pall like o'er hill and o'er plain,
Death laden missiles of carnage fell like the fall of the rain.
There like a wall adamantine, shoulder to shoulder they stand,
Under the banner of freedom, under the flag of our land;
There 'mid the smoke of the battle, there where the cannon shot fell,
There 'mid the whizzing of bullets, there 'mid the bursting of shell,
There 'mid the conflict's wild horrors, there 'mid the war demon's breath,
There 'mid the hell of the slaughter, there in the face of grim death,
Friendships that time cannot sever, mystic and bloodstained the tie,
Friendships were formed and cemented, friendships that never can die."

And thus we join hands and lock elbows as we journey down life's shortening trail, recounting the oft-told story of "Boots and Saddles" to preserve our country and flag. This friendship was formed on many a well fought battlefield where none but the true and tried were found. And to perpetuate this friendship this Order was formed.

The first Post to be mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic was at Decatur, Ill., on the 6th day of April, 1866, by B. T. Stephenson and W. J. Rutledge, both of the Fourteenth Regiment Illinois volunteer infantry. Then and there was incorporated the qualification of a member, namely: Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the service of the United States between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, and those having an honorable discharge therefrom after such service are eligible. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States. Men who have gone through this fiery furnace, have been purified, and to them is given the watchword—the doom of all traitors.

When we realize how short the span of life is that is left us, should we not improve the passing hours by urging all old soldiers and sailors to join us, touch elbows, re-form our ranks and stand together until “taps” has been sounded for the last one of us, and the Sons of Veterans and women of the Relief Corps are left alone to follow us.

Comrades, have you ever stopped to form an estimate of the influence you have exerted over the generation that just answered their country's call? Every man has some influence; shall it be for good or evil? Can we not get, by a little effort, a united action for the up-building of a sentiment for a better and a purer government, never believing that perfection has been reached, and instill the true love of country into the minds of our sons.

Let us review a portion of our history and see if we can get any data from which we can gather renewed strength. This Department was organized in 1885, with Capt. T. P. Fuller Provisional Department Commander; Capt. James H. Mills, of Deer Lodge, Senior Vice Department Commander, and H. S. Howell, of Virginia City, Junior Vice Department Commander. There were 13 Posts, with a membership of 394. In 1890 there were 689 members; in 1891 708; in 1893 there were 612 members; in 1895 there were 473 members; in 1897 there were 454 members and 15 Posts, and for 1898 the A. A. G.'s report will show a net loss of only 5 members and a gain of 2 Posts.

During the past year there have been no stirring events to affect this association.

It was my pleasure to muster in Garfield Post No. 26 at Carlton, Missoula county, being ably assisted by Past Department Commander J. L. Sloane, A. A. G. Samuel Bellew, Post Commander W. H. Raymer, and Comrade D. Bundy, all of Fred Winthrop Post No. 11.

The report of Assistant Adjutant General Samuel Bellew will show you our strength, which certainly is gratifying—a loss of only 5 members and a gain of 2 Posts; and the Assistant Quartermaster General, Ed S. Walker, will show our financial standing:

Cash on hand, May 5, 1898.....	\$ 35 09
Per Capita tax from Posts.....	435 50
Supplies sold, including charter.....	61 00
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Total.....	\$531 59
Total expenditures.....	\$394 24
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Cash balance on hand.....	\$137 35

Value of supplies on hand about ninety-four dollars.

Economy and promptness have been our watchwords, and as an illustration, just two months ago, after the adjournment of the Encampment, May 6, 1898, the proceedings were printed and in the Post rooms, and this, too, at a saving of forty dollars over the preceding year.

I attribute the condition of our Order to the improved condition of our state generally, and if we will review the immediate past, facts most abundant will present themselves to show that we certainly possess the Treasure State of the Union. We are the last to be affected by contraction of trade, and the first to rally into new life. I predict for my successor a still better showing at the close of his term than it is my pleasure now to submit, if we will but do half our duty. I would recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be set aside for the Department Commander to use as he may think best for the good of the Order in an endeavor to increase our numbers. There are fully four old soldiers and sailors out to one in the G. A. R. Let us get them in some way. The National Encampment sets aside for the Commander-in-Chief the sum of \$2,000; let us try \$50. If it is good for one, it should be good for the other.

General George Washington, the noblest Roman of them all, died December 14, 1799, or one hundred years ago. Let us set this year aside as a jubilee year, the return of the wanderers. I would recommend that the muster-in fee be made uniform for this year at \$1.50, the annual dues \$1, and the per capita tax fifty cents. I do this believing that if we do our duty, we can more than double our numbers. I would recommend that all Posts and Pickets be permitted to open Post during the afternoon or evening of May 30, to receive applications, refer same to committee, report on same and muster-in;

opening and closing ceremony; but no other business. Let the order of the Commander caution all old soldiers and sailors who intend to join a Post to bring their discharge or other identifying papers before any papers are made out, but that no statements be received; *must* have the documents.

This will cause a larger attendance on Memorial Day, and extending an invitation to the soldiers of the Spanish troubles to parade with us, will lend additional attraction.

Comrades, the great desire of my heart, after you honored me with this gavel, was that I could be permitted to attend the National Encampment in my native state of Ohio last year, as it has not been my pleasure to attend one. And I fully intended going, but when the time arrived I was confined to my bed and so remained for five weeks; but I rejoiced to know that Montana was fully represented by our elected delegates, Comrades Horn and Black, who spread out and to the best of their ability fully represented us.

It was my desire to get from the railroads a reduced fare to Cincinnati, and commenced my negotiations early, but there were so very few reported as intending to go, that I had to abandon it.—The only way this can be gotten this year is: Let every Comrade and his friends who think of going, write to the Department Commander, and by so doing he can correspond intelligently and get rates to Philadelphia, Pa., in time for the Encampment on September 4 to 8 inclusive.

The Department Commander is *ex-officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home at Columbia Falls, which meets first Mondays in May, August and December at the Home. It was my pleasure to attend two sessions. And there is much for an old soldier to learn by keeping in touch with duty. There are 52 inmates there now. It is a brick building, hard finished walls, well lighted and well heated and ventilated. The old soldiers certainly can ask for no better home, and everything furnished that they can desire.

The Commander of the Home, J. R. Hilman, is certainly the right man in the right place. He does everything that can be done for the good of the Home and its inmates.

The Women's Relief Corps,—what can I say of them that will result in doing them justice? I don't say full justice, for I know we can not measure it correctly. The National Encampment, in 1883, evinced wisdom in recognizing the Women's Relief Corps as an auxiliary to the G. A. R. Many of the Posts owe their existence to the

W. R. C., and the amount of relief, as shown by their annual report, will show that they are hardly appreciated by us as they should be. My official association with Mrs. Ella Herbold, Department President, and her efficient staff, have placed me under renewed obligations for favors extended.

Comrades, one thing is patent to us all, and that is, we are growing older, and soon "the places that have known us, will know us no more for ever." One week ago I was examining the past history of our association, and was surprised to find that we had fifteen living Department Commanders of Montana who had presided over its destinies since 1885. I wanted more than the mere names of our Past Commanders, but my desire could not be gratified. There was not even a photograph or a single line to show who they were or from whence they came. Comrades, this should not be. You can not find in the pages of proceedings of any other Department in the Union such a careless disregard of such little things, seemingly, that may without notice be the link connecting great events. We owe more than this to our families and to this noble Order whose pages will soon be written full, the book closed, securely locked, and across its frontal page, written in letters of gold, "well done good and faithful servants"; and the little we have yet to do, let us do correctly and to the full measure.

Comrades, the ink was not yet dry on the above words, when taps were being sounded over the last mortal remains of our Provisional and first duly elected Department Commander, Comrade Thos. P. Fuller, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

It was my pleasure to be present at the organization of this Department on March 10, 1885, and from that date to the present he has been numbered among my truest friends. I was very much disappointed that I could not attend his burial. He was one of nature's truest noblemen; his nature was to bear his burdens as a soldier; let us emulate his virtues and bury his faults with his ashes.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the honor you have conferred on me, which I most fully appreciate. During the past year my labors have been made so pleasant by the universal and cordial assistance rendered by all from whom favors were asked. To Comrades Samuel Bellew, my able and ever efficient Assistant Adjutant General, and Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, I extend my most grateful thanks for their ever watchful care and prompt discharge of their duties.

Comrades, as we met, so let us part, in Fraternity, Loyalty and Charity. Farewell !

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
Department Commander.

DECISIONS.

The only question submitted to me for consideration was from Comrade Bull, of Moody Post No. 25, as follows:

"If the number of members in a Post falls below 10, should the charter be surrendered?"

ANSWER: The inference to be drawn from the very meager mention made throughout our laws on the subject, would lead me to answer, NO. But I would prefer to submit this to the Encampment for their action.

The Senior Vice Commander's report was read and referred to the following committee: Jacob Billings, W. P. Emerson and W. N. Wright.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

OFFICE OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Philipsburg, Mont., March 30, 1899. }

Samuel Bellew, Assistant Adjutant General, Missoula, Mont.:

Dear Sir and Comrade: I beg to submit you the following brief report concerning the position I hold in the Grand Army of the Republic in the Commandery of Montana since my election to the honorable office which I now hold. While I have nothing actually to report of interest to you, yet in deference to usage and custom, and in consonance with the rules and requirements of our great Order, I feel it the more incumbent upon me to follow that precedent so worthily established by my superiors in authority.

It affords me great pleasure to say that the various Posts of the state, so far as I have been able to ascertain, are in excellent condition, and that the general public interest in the same is demonstrative of the fact that in no wise has its work been unappreciated by the generation of to-day, or those which have preceded it, among whose numbers are many of those whose heads have grown gray in the history and civilization of this state.

I have attended several meetings of Burnside Post No. 27, at Philipsburg, and I take it that the same quota of attendance and the

kindly sympathetic interest manifested by our comrades throughout the state are not greater in evidence than that exhibited by the small band who constitute its enrollment, and who, each succeeding year, await the inevitable with the philosophic calmness of those who know and appreciate the rapid passage of time.

I have no suggestion to make with reference to the improvement of the Order in Montana, as I believe that every idea which could be advanced by me has been considered before by those in positions superior to mine in devising ways and means for the betterment and improvement of the Commandery, and therefore, expressing to you, dear sir, my grateful appreciation of the favors extended to me as an officer thereof, I have the honor to remain, with sentiments of the highest consideration,

Your most obedient servant and comrade,

LEE C. DEGENHART,
Senior Vice Commander.

No report received from Junior Vice Commander.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to a committee consisting of J. B. Loomis, A. N. Bull and J. D. Eaton.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, }
MISSOULA, Mont., April 5, 1899. }

W. H. H. DICKINSON, Commander,

Department of Montana, G. A. R.,

Comrade: In compliance with the Rules and Regulations I have the honor to submit my report of the business transacted by this office during the past year:

IN GOOD STANDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

	<i>Posts</i>	<i>Members</i>
Gained during first term:—	15	454
By muster in.....	..	12
By transfer .....	..	3
By reinstatement.....	..	9
By reinstatement from delinquent reports ..	..	2
Total.....	—	26

Aggregate	15	480
Losses first term:—		
By death.....	4	
By honorable discharge	1	
By transfer	3	
By suspension.....	9	
	—	
Total		17
Remaining in good standing	—	—
June 30, 1898.....	15	463
Gained during second term:—		
By muster in.....	1	22
By reinstatement.....	1	22
By transfer .....	..	1
	—	—
Total.....		45
		—
Aggregate	17	508
Losses second term:—		
By death.....	8	
By honorable discharge	1	
By suspension	47	
By transfer.....	3	
	—	
Total.....		59
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Net loss for year—Members, 5.		
Remaining in good standing December	—	
31, 1898.....	17	449
Amount expended for relief, first term.....	\$317.65	
Amount expended for relief, second term.....	123.36	
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Total.....	\$441.00	

Custer Post No. 5 and Jas. A. Shields Post No. 19, reported delinquent last year, have not been heard from. I would therefore recommend

that they be dropped and their charters, books, etc., be returned to Department Headquarters.

George K. Warren Post No. 20 forwarded report for second term and per capita tax for first and second terms, 1898, and was thereupon reinstated.

Garfield Post No. 26 was mustered in July 1, 1898, at Carlton, Missoula county, by Department Commander W. H. H. Dickinson.

No reports have been received during the past year from Thos. L. Kane Post No. 12. Nor, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1898, from John C. Fremont Post No. 20, and no report for term ending June 30, 1898, from Steadman Post No. 8.

After a year's experience as Assistant Adjutant General, I feel that some suggestions from me in regard to that office will not be out of place. I would earnestly urge that for the future there should be established in some one of the central cities of the state a permanent headquarters for the Department, at which place may be kept all records, so that easy reference to them may be had at all times, instead of the migratory system we now have, and also that the Assistant Adjutant General should be a resident of the city where the headquarters is established.

This Department is now fifteen years old, and the records now in possession of the Assistant Adjutant General are contained in but one small field desk. Judging from the number of returns, reports, copies of proceedings of other Department and National Encampments which have been received during my term, as a basis, there should now be on hand enough of these to fill several large packing cases; but we have them not. What has become of them, I do not know, nor can I obtain an inkling as to their whereabouts. In justice to ourselves and to the great organization of which we are an integral part, this should not be so; every report and proceeding has a value, perhaps not great intrinsically, but it may be of inestimable aid to the historian and biographer of the future, and should be kept in some safe and convenient place, where easy access may be had to it at any time.

Now, as to the Assistant Adjutant General. From my experience I am thoroughly convinced that this is an office that should be filled by an expert, if I may be permitted to use the expression, and when once so filled, should be continued by the appointment of the same officer year after year, and he should have an office, as I have heretofore suggested, where all his records may be safely kept.

The Assistant Adjutant General is the right hand and executive officer of the Department Commander, and under our present system

does not fairly get broken into the duties of his position before his term expires and a new man takes his turn, with but incomplete and unsatisfactory data to assist him in the proper performance of his duties.

Take the history of all grand bodies of the various secret organizations, in our state and throughout the Union, and you find as a rule that the secretary, who corresponds relatively to the Assistant Adjutant General, is continued in the same office from year to year; and where that is done, you find a flourishing body and one from which, if you desire information on any subject pertaining to their duties, you get it succinctly and quickly.

Commander, in surrendering the office with which you have honored me, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your support and assistance; I also desire to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the Assistant Quartermaster General and the officers of the Department and Post generally.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

SAMUEL BELLEW,

Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

The Assistant Quartermaster General's report was read and referred to a committee consisting of J. B. Loomis, A. N. Bull and J. D. Eaton.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R., }
HELENA, Montana, April 5, 1899. }

W. H. H. DICKINSON, Commander:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of this office from May, 5, 1898, to April 5, 1899, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 5th, 1898.....	\$ 35 09
Per capita tax from Posts.....	435 50
Supplies sold, including charter.....	61 00
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Total	\$531 59

EXPENDITURES.

Quartermaster supplies purchased.....	\$ 43 10
Telegram.....	2 05
Salary Assistant Adjutant General.....	75 00
Salary Assistant Quartermaster General.....	75 00
Expense, account A. A. Gen'l, as per vouchers.....	20 39
Postage and express.....	5 10
National per capita tax.....	11 60
Printing and stationery.....	154 65
Encampment badges.....	7 35
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Total	\$394 24

Total receipts.....	\$531 59
Total Expenditures.....	394 24
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Cash balance on hand	\$137 35

I submit herewith statements showing in detail receipts and expenditures, marked Exhibit "A" and "B."

EXHIBIT "A"—RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST	NO.	Per Capita Tax 1898		Q. M. Sup- plies.
		June 30th.	Dec. 31st.	
Lincoln.....	2	\$30 00	\$29 00	\$ 9 30
Wadsworth.....	3	58 50	51 00	.....
Frank Blair.....	6	7 00	7 00	.....
Farragut.....	7	12 50	13 00	.....
Steadman.....	8	.....	6 50	.....
William English.....	10	15 50	13 50	.....
Fred Winthrop.....	11	9 00	7 50	.....
Thomas L. Kane.....	12	.....	.....	.....
George G. Meade.....	16	13 50	13 00	.....
Sheridan.....	18	21 50	21 50	.....
G. K. Warren.....	20	.....	16 00	.....
John C. Fremont.....	21	5 50	.....	.....
Burnside.....	22	9 50	9 00	.....
Nat Lyons.....	23	13 50	11 00	.....
G. B. McClellan.....	24	17 00	10 00	2 25
Moody.....	25	3 00	4 50	.....
Garfield.....	26	.....	7 00	27 60
Sale of Badges.....				21 85
Total.....	.....	216 00	219 50	61 00

Per Capita Tax from Posts	\$ 435 50
From Supplies sold.....	61 00
On hand May 5th, 1898.....	35 09

Total.....	\$ 531 59
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EXHIBIT "B"—EXPENDITURES.

1898.

May 6.	Western Union Telegraph Co., Missoula.....	\$ 2 05
June 13.	Helena Book and Stationery Co.....	1 80
" 15.	Northern Pacific Express Co.....	60
" 17.	Charles Burrows, Q. M. G. supplies.....	43 10
" 23.	Missoula Publishing Co., printing.....	28 85
July 1.	H. S. Thurber & Co., printing.....	8 50
" 2.	Department Chaplain, postage.....	1 00
" 9.	Samuel Bellew, 1st quarter's salary.....	18 75
" 9.	Ed. S. Walker, 1st quarter's salary.....	18 85
" 30.	National Headquarters per capita tax.....	5 90
Aug. 8.	Missoula Publishing Co., printing.....	100 00
Oct. 11.	" " " "	8 50
" "	Samuel Bellew, second quarter's salary	18 75
" "	Ed. S. Walker, " " " "	18 75
Dec. 12.	Missoula Publishing Co., printing.....	4 50

1899.

Jan. 16.	Samuel Bellew, third quarter's salary.....	18 75
" "	Ed. S. Walker, third quarter's salary.....	18 75
" 25.	National Headquarters per capita tax.....	5 70
Mch. 21.	Missoula Publishing Co., printing.....	2 50
" "	Samuel Bellew, fourth quarter's salary.....	18 75
" "	Samuel Bellew, expense account, postage, etc.....	20 39
" "	Ed. S. Walker, fourth quarter's salary.....	18 75
" "	Ed. S. Walker, expense account, postage.....	3 50
" 23.	Raleigh & Clarke, Department badges	5 35
" 25.	H. S. Thurber & Co., Department badges.....	2 00

Total\$394 24

The consolidated reports of the Department for the term ending Dec. 31, 1898, show as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898.....	\$1004 31
Received from all sources.....	1211 05
Total	<u>\$2215 36</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Per capita tax.....	\$224 50
Relief from Post funds.....	123 35
All other disbursements.....	938 75
Cash balance on hand.....	928 76
Total	<u>\$2215 36</u>

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY AS SHOWN BY REPORTS.

Cash balance in Post funds.....	\$ 928 76
“ “ “ Relief funds.....	55 72
Market value of real estate.....	840 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	1755 32
Total value of Post property.....	<u>\$ 3579 80</u>

An invoice of the supplies on hand shows the value of the same to be ninety-four dollars.

All bills and accounts against the Department to date have been paid in full.

With thanks to yourself, Commander, and all Department and Post officers with whom I have been identified during the past year, for courtesies extended, and hoping for the continued success of the Department in the future, I am

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

ED. S. WALKER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

The above examined and found correct.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,

Chairman Council of Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

The report of the Chaplain was read and referred to a committee consisting of Jacob Billings, W. P. Emerson and W. N. Wright.

To the Fifteenth Annual Department Encampment:

W. H. H. DICKINSON, Commander, and Comrades, Grand Army of the Republic:

I hereby respectfully submit this my first annual report for your consideration.

It would seem that the Department Chaplain's official duties were more "clerical" than "ministerial." Were it possible for him to visit the several Posts in this jurisdiction, get acquainted with the Comrades and preach to them, he would not feel so much like a census taker and reporter. As this is impossible, he must necessarily work along the lines that are within his reach.

Memorial Sunday was duly observed by the several Posts of this Department. As a rule they went in uniform, in file, to some church where services appropriate to the day and occasion were conducted.

Memorial Day was also observed in spirit, if not by parade, and Memorial exercises. It was a very stormy day throughout the state, but the graves of all the old soldiers were decorated with flowers. This annual tribute to their memories brought again to our own minds past associations of camp and march, of review and battle, of pleasure and suffering, of defeat and victory. Some day their names will be chisled on monuments of granite, but let us keep their memory, their deeds of heroism bright on the shrine of faithful, loving hearts.

The list of those who have been mustered out by death from our ranks is less this year than last. The following Posts report no loss by death this year: Wadsworth, Fred Winthrop, Geo. G. Meade, Sheridan, Steadman, Nat Lyons and Geo. B. McClellan.

William English Post lost one comrade, Farragut one, Lincoln two, Burnside one—total 5. Old soldiers at Soldiers' Home, 7.

I believe (though I may be mistaken) that Custer, Frank Blair, Thos. L. Kane, U. S. Grant, James A. Shields and John C. Fremont Posts have all been translated, for I could get no report from them.

OUR SOLDIERS' HOME.

I have this institution on my ministerial charge this year. I have visited there occasionally during the year and have always been cordially received by the Commandant, Capt. Hilman, and by

all the old soldiers. I have held religious services there several times by invitation, and have held regular funeral services over those who have died. I purpose to go there oftener in the future, if nothing prevents.

There seems to be an impression in some parts of our state that the old soldiers at the Home are about as bad as bad can be; or, to be more specific, that they are a lot of "old wrecks," or, plainly "whisky bums."

I gladly take this opportunity and occasion to correct this false impression. It is, perhaps, true, that the most of them will take an occasional glass of beer or whisky, but you can, at the present time, count on the fingers of one hand those who drink to excess. I have seen them at the Home, I have met them in town and elsewhere, and have seen but few intoxicated. They are, as a rule, a troop of respectable, intelligent men. Most of them are broken down in health, unable to perform much labor. Their enforced confinement causes them to be restless and discontented. Unable to pursue the activities of labor, they can do but little more than read, watch and wait.

Our Soldiers' Home is a very good home in a measure. The repeated scaling down of the appropriation made for its support by the state legislature has been very detrimental to its well being and well doing.

No improvements have been attempted, and only its most pressing needs have been supplied. It seems to me that the withholding of the appropriations made for the support of the Soldiers' Home is in close harmony with the starving of Union soldiers in southern prisons. If it is not the same in spirit, then my inference is wrong.

They need a hospital building at the Soldiers' Home, so that the dying will not be of necessity mixed with the sick, and the sick with the convalescent. The present arrangement compels the sick to lie and listen to the noise and confusion necessarily made by the tramp of fifty persons, living, working, in the care of this institution; and not even a carpet or matting to deaden the tramp of a hundred feet. And yet we boast of the resources of our state, and as a nation of our humanity.

While upon this subject, permit me to give a concise history of the status of the old soldier. In his youth, or prime, he enlisted at the call of his country and risked his life in its defense. He accepted without a murmur thirteen dollars a month, as a private, in depreciated currency. When discharged he returned to his home and picked up the work laid down when he enlisted; *provided* it had not already been picked up by some "emigrant." He has paid his quota

of the war debt, the same as others. If wounded or diseased in the service, he, by proving that he enlisted, and that he was a fit person to enlist, and that he was actually wounded in battle, or was sick enough to be in government hospital during the greater part of his enlistment, etc., etc., etc., was granted a pension of from two dollars to eight dollars per month. But his pension was the death-blow to his patriotism in the minds of all his neighbors, who did not go. He suddenly changed in public estimation from a soldier to a "coffee cooler." His pathway was beset with government spies, petty stay-at-home spies, little office-seeking spies, all swearing that they could not *see* that he had a single pain, and were well satisfied that he was in as *good* health as before the war, if not better. And in old age, if unfortunate in not making a business success, or not keeping his property, he can, by giving two-thirds of his pension money for his keep, be sent to the Montana Soldiers' Home, there to linger until discharged by death, and thus make room for another one like himself.

I have only words of praise for the Board of Trustees who have labored so faithfully and incessantly for the erection and maintenance of the Home. If they had not been old soldiers themselves, and made great sacrifices, I do not believe that the money entrusted to their care would have erected the finest building that is now owned by this state for the money expended. The Commandant, Captain Hilman, needs no words of praise,—always on guard, always ready for inspection.

In concluding this report, I would remind you, Comrades, that the Order of the Grand Army of the Republic will soon be but a memory and history. May its closing pages be even more bright than its preface, or its "grand central chapter." As comrade after comrade drops out by the way, let those who linger, close up the depleted ranks, keep touch with each other, whether in plenty or the reverse, helping those who need help, that we may have the consciousness in our own souls that we have done our best towards the old soldier, what we *could* for our country in her hour of peril, for our flag, for our comrades and for our Grand Army of the Republic.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

H. S. TAFT,
Department Chaplain.

COLUMBIA FALLS, Mont.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

The report of the Judge Advocate was read and referred to a committee consisting of Jacob Billings, W. P. Emerson and W. N. Wright.

BUTTE, Montana, April 5, 1899.

W. H. H. DICKINSON, *Commander Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic:*

SIR: I have the honor to report that unlimited peace and quiet have reigned in the Department during the past year.

No questions affecting the rights of Posts or members have been referred to me. Consequently I have had nothing to do.

Very respectfully,

H. S. HOWELL,

Judge Advocate.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

The report of the Inspector General was read and referred to a committee consisting of Jacob Billings, W. P. Emerson and W. N. Wright.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, G. A. R., FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1898.

NAME OF POST.	No. of Post.		Number of Members in good standing.	Is the work in the Ritual committed to memory and properly performed?	Are the Officers and Guards properly uniformed and equipped?	Are the Members uniformed and equipped?	Are the Officers regular in their attendance?	Are the Members regular in their attendance?	Are all the records complete and well kept?	Are orders received regularly, read to the Post and on file?	Have all reports and taxes been forwarded?	Is there a relief fund for charitable purposes?	How much money is in the relief fund?	Amount of money and securities in hands of the Quartermaster.	Value of all other property owned by the Post	Is there a Corps of the W. R. C. connected with the Post?	Is there a Camp of the Sons of Veterans, and do you encourage the organization of same?	Total Amount Expended for Charity	What are the prospects for the future?
Wadsworth.	3	102		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	None	\$455 53	\$336 00	Yes	No	\$36 75	Good
Wm. English.	10	27		Yes	No	No	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	11 50	100 00	Yes	No	.....	Good
Geo. G. Meade.	16	26		Partly	Part	Part	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	85	100 00	Yes	No	12 00	Fair
Sheridan.	18	43		No	Part	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	34 70	800 00	Yes	No	.....	Good
Geo. B. McClellan.	24	21		Yes	No	No	Fair	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	4 25	75 00	Yes	Yes	.....	Fair
Garfield.	26	14		No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	.....	85	27 75	Yes	No	.....	Good

The above is a tabulation of all reports received by me to March 1st, 1899. Posts No's 2-6-7-8-11-12-21-22-23 and 25 have failed to send in reports.

N. H. MORLEY, Department Inspector.

A committee from the Woman's Relief Corps being admitted, an invitation was extended to the members of the Encampment and all visiting comrades to attend an entertainment to be given by the Relief Corps at the Auditorium in the evening, which was accepted.

Recess was taken to 10 o'clock A. M., April 6.

APRIL 6—MORNING SESSION.

Session called to order at 10 A. M. by Department Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

To the Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander, respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

After discussion on the committee's report the address of the Commander was again referred to a committee consisting of P. R. Dolman, R. E. Fisk, T. C. Davidson, and Lester S. Willson, who reported as follows:

BUTTE, Montana, April 6, 1899.

Comrades of the Fifteenth Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic:

With respect to such recommendations of the Department Commander, in his annual address, as touch upon an allowance to the Department Commander and the reduction of muster-in fees and per capita tax for the ensuing year, the committee on the state of the Order beg to say that these several matters have been carefully considered, with conclusions as follows:

First—As to the setting aside of the sum of fifty dollars for the use of the Commander, to expend for the good of the Order, the committee deems it to be inexpedient in view of the slender means at this time in the treasury of the Department.

Second—As to a uniform muster-in fee of one dollar and fifty cents, the committee, in the matter, is of the belief that the recommendation be left to the consideration and action of the individual Posts.

Third—As to the reduction of the per capita tax, the committee

is of the opinion that it would contribute in a measure to the embarrassment of the Department, and for that reason the committee believe the tax should remain as heretofore and now in force.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. DOLMAN,
R. E. FISK,
T. C. DAVIDSON,
LESTER S. WILLSON.

The report of Committee was unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on Senior Vice Department Commander's report recommended its adoption. Carried.

Report of Committee on Reports of Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector, read and adopted as follows:

Butte, April 6, 1899.

To W. H. H. Dickinson, Department Commander:

Dear Sir and Comrade—We, your committee, appointed to examine the reports of the Chaplain, Judge Advocate and Inspector respectfully report that we have performed said duty, and recommend that their reports be approved and adopted.

JACOB BILLINGS,
W. P. EMERSON,
W. N. WRIGHT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General was as follows:

Butte, April 6, 1899.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the report of the A. A. G., beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same and find it to be a full and correct statement of the affairs of his office during the year.

We believe that the suggestion that the permanent location of the office of the A. A. G. of this department and the retention of the archives of the Department for future reference merits the careful consideration of the present encampment, and recommend that the same be considered before our adjournment.

J. B. LOOMIS,
A. N. BULL,
J. D. EATON.

Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT
ADJUTANT GENERAL.

In accordance with the Report of the Committee, the recommendations referred to in A. A. General's report, was referred by the Commander to a Special Committee consisting of H. S. Howell, R. E. Fisk and T. C. Davidson, who, later, made the following report, which was adopted by the encampment.

BUTTE, Montana, April 6, 1899.

To the Department Commander:

Sir—Your Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Assistant Adjutant General referring to the establishment of a permanent headquarters of the department, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the matter and present the following as their conclusions thereon.

Section 1, Article 6, Chapter 3 of the Rules and Regulations, reads as follows: "The Department Commander shall, immediately after entering upon his office, appoint an Assistant Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, and he may remove these officers at his pleasure." Your Committee believe that the right and power to appoint these officers carries with it the right and power to appoint any Comrade that he may select. That any attempt to control or abridge this right of appointment, such as confining it to the Members of any particular place or post, would be in conflict with this provision of the Rules and Regulations, and therefore null and void.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the recommendation of the Adjutant General in this connection be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted

T. C. DAVIDSON,
H. S. HOWELL,
R. E. FISK.

Committee.

The report of the committee on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL'S REPORT.

BUTTE, Montana, April 6, 1899.

W. H. H. DICKINSON, Department Commander:

We, the committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that we

have examined said report and find it to be a very concise and correct statement of the transactions of his office for the year, and we recommend that the same be received and placed on file in the archives of our Department.

J. B. LOOMIS,
J. D. EATON,
A. N. BULL.

Committee.

A communication was received from a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps announcing their readiness to present their greeting to this Encampment.

A committee consisting of Comrades Lester S. Willson, P. R. Dolman and H. S. Howell, was then appointed to escort and introduce the ladies of the above committee.

Mrs. Burton then addressed the Encampment on behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Response by Department Commander Dickinson.

The Encampment was invited to attend the W. R. C. convention to hear the address of their president at 1:30 P. M.

An invitation was extended by Lincoln Post to attend a banquet to be given in the Hall this evening at 8 o'clock, which was accepted by the Encampment.

The following resolution was then offered and unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, by the Fifteenth Department Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, That the Department respectfully requests the President to appoint Major Junius G. Sanders, U. S. V. Pay Department, to the regular establishment of the army.

“Major Sanders is a Past Department Commander of this Department, and a thorough gentleman and soldier, and his appointment would be accepted as a compliment by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana.”

A committee was appointed to request business men and public houses to fly flags at half-mast in honor of the dead heroes of the Santiago campaign who were buried in the National Cemetery at Washington this day. Many complied with the request.

Recess taken until 1:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order by Commander Dickinson.

The following resolution was then offered:

WHEREAS, The G. A. R. observes one day each year to commemorate our sacred dead, and believing a little time at our annual meetings could be profitably spent on the same line of thought, therefore, be it

Resolved, That at each Department Encampment one hour, or as much thereof as the Comrades choose to occupy, be set apart for Memorial service in honor of our departed Comrades who have answered the last roll call.

The resolutions were referred to a committee consisting of H. S. Howell, L. E. Holmes and F. George Heldt, who made the following report, which was adopted:

BUTTE, Montana, April 6, 1899.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Comrades: Your committee to whom was referred the resolution on the advisability of setting aside one hour, or as much thereof as may be necessary for Memorial services, beg leave to return the following report:

Inasmuch as the several Posts throughout the Department have as a rule a day set aside for such purposes, and in view of the fact that a report of the deceased from each Post, separately read here, would consume much time, we would not recommend the adoption of the resolution as an order of service for deceased members of all Posts throughout the Department; but in so far as relates to members of the Department Encampment, who have died in the interim of sessions, we approve of the sentiment and recommend that an Order of Business be enacted for the introduction of personal resolutions and remarks on the life and character of any or all deceased members of this Department annually; and, first under that head, the Assistant Adjutant General shall read the names of all members of the Department who have died during the year; after which individual members may introduce personal resolutions or offer brief memorial addresses. We recommend that on the adoption of this report, the Order of Business above named be considered established and immediately called.

H. S. HOWELL,
L. E. HOLMES,
F. GEO. HELDT.
Committee.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted by a rising vote-of the Encampment:

WHEREAS, In the inscrutable ways of Providence, with the suddenness with which the summons so often came in the perilous days of the war, our Comrade and Past Department Commander, Thomas P. Fuller, was called to join the innumerable throng that bivouac in the silent camping ground of the dead, and now "sleeps the sleep that knows no waking, dreams of battlefields no more"; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Comrade Fuller this Department has lost its first Commander, one who has always had the interest of the Grand Army at heart, who exhibited in civil life the qualities which made him a soldier without fear or reproach. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the demise of Capt. Fuller this Department has sustained an irreparable loss, the Grand Army an enthusiastic member, the state an upright and valued citizen, and the government a worthy and trusted servant, and his family a loved and honored husband and father.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Encampment and a copy be sent to the bereaved widow, and the Charter of the Department be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

C. B. MILLER,
H. S. HOWELL,
R. E. FISK,

Committee.

The question of the G. A. R. refusing to receive into the Order, as members, those who had ever borne arms against the government of the United States, was freely discussed, and the following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the Constitution of the National Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic should be so amended, where it reads that "no person who has ever borne arms against the United States is eligible to become a member of this organization," that it be changed to read as per the following Memorial; and that a copy of this be sent to every Department Commander of the Grand Army in the United States."

MEMORIAL.

To the National Encampment to be held in Philadelphia this year (1899):

Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended as to receive as members those who were compelled to bear arms against the United States, but upon the first opportunity joined the Union army and received an honorable discharge from the United States.

The law, as it now stands, looks as if it were a good and just law, but to many men who lived in the border states, and some who lived in the South, it is an unjust discrimination. There were men who were forced into the Confederate army and held there for a time against their will, and at the first opportunity they deserted the rebel army and joined the army of the Union and proved themselves to be loyal to the United States government and were honorably discharged at the close of the war.

We therefore pray the Grand Army of the Republic, at its approaching Encampment to so change the Constitution that such honorably discharged soldiers may become members of the Grand Army.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Encampment then proceeded to the election of Department officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Department Commander, Dr. C. B. Miller, of Wadsworth Post of Helena; senior vice commander, J. S. Wisner, of Geo. G. Meade Post of Anaconda; junior vice commander, J. D. Eaton, of Nat Lyon Post of Kalispell; medical director, Dr. L. E. Holmes, of Lincoln Post of Butte; chaplain, Rev. J. L. Albritton, of Lincoln Post of Butte.

Delegates to the National Encampment: H. S. Howell, Frank Blair Post, Virginia City; A. N. Bull, Moody Post, Ennis. Alternates: J. A. McElroy, William English Post, Bozeman; G. J. Henneberry, Lincoln Post, Butte.

Council of Administration: George W. Shaw, Wadsworth Post, Helena; A. N. Bull, Moody Post, Ennis; H. H. Garr, George B. McClellan Post, Columbia Falls; S. H. Almon, Lincoln Post, Butte; J. M. Lindley, William English Post, Bozeman.

Recess was then taken until 10 o'clock A. M. April 7th, with the understanding that the first order of business should be the installation of officers.

MORNING SESSION, APRIL 7th.

Encampment called to order at 10 A. M. by Department Commander.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the first order of business was the installation of officers by Comrade J. D. Jenks, who was appointed Acting Mustering Officer in the absence of W. H. Safford, Chief Mustering Officer.

The appointive officers were as follows: L. D. Beary, of Helena,

Assistant Adjutant General; Ed. S. Walker, of Helena, Assistant Quartermaster General; T. O'Leary, of Anaconda, Judge Advocate; W. H. Safford, of Great Falls, Inspector General; J. D. Jenks, of Butte, Chief Mustering Officer; Samuel Bellew, of Missoula, Chief of Staff.

An invitation was extended by the representatives of Wadsworth Post No. 3, to hold the next Department Encampment at Helena. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are due to J. R. Wharton, manager of the Butte Street Railway Company, and through him to that company for courtesies shown to the members of this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, giving all its members and the members of the Woman's Relief Corps free transportation during their stay in the city, and especially are we grateful for similar courtesies shown the local Post here at all times in aid of their funeral processions on the death of any one of their members, as has been reported to us. In Mr. J. R. Wharton, we are pleased to say, we find the origin of that generous custom to the members of the G. A. R., and it is through him that other Departments throughout the United States are beginning to extend the same courtesies to the old soldiers on their annual re-gatherings and on the burial of their dead. Therefore we are glad, at this time, to make public mention of these facts.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Comrade Heldt introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be tendered to Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders, Assistant Adjutant General, Quartermaster, Chaplain, Inspector General and Mustering Officer for the ability and energy with which they have discharged their onerous duties during the past year.

The Commander appointed the following committee on printing: Comrades Ed. S. Walker, L. D. Beary and George H. Piatt.

Moved that representation remain same as this and last year.

There being no further business, the Encampment closed in due form.

GENERAL ORDERS

ISSUED BY

Department Commander

DURING TERM

ENDING APRIL, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS

Issued by the Department Commander During
the Term Ending April, 1899.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MISSOULA, MONTANA, May 9, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 1. }

I. Having been elected and installed in regular form as Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command and enter upon the duties of the office with a full appreciation of its responsibilities and duties.

II. Officers of the staff, appointed and installed, are as follows:

Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade Samuel Bellew, Missoula.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade Ed. S. Walker, Helena.

Inspector—Comrade N. M. Morley, Columbia Falls.

Judge Advocate—Comrade H. S. Howell, Helena.

Chief Mustering Officer—Comrade W. H. Safford, Great Falls.

III. Other appointments will follow.

IV. Headquarters are established at Missoula, Montana.

All communications on official business should be addressed to Samuel Bellew, A. A. G., Missoula, Montana.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 MISSOULA, MONTANA, May 11, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 NO. 2. }

I. The Fourteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Missoula May 5th and 6th, 1898, elected the following comrades to office, as designated:

Commander—Comrade W. H. H. Dickinson, Missoula.

Senior Vice Commander—L. C. Degenhart, Philipsburg, Montana.

Junior Vice Commander—Frederick Hopp, Dillon, Montana.

Medical Director—J. M. Sligh, Anaconda, Montana.

Chaplain—Rev. H. S. Taft, Helena, Montana.

Council of Administration—F. Geo. Heldt, Great Falls, Montana.

Geo. H. Piatt, Helena, “

P. H. Manchester, Butte, “

B. F. Osborne, Bozeman, “

E. K. Gregg, Kalispell, “

Delegates to the National Encampment at Cincinnati, Ohio—

Comrade W. H. Black, Butte, Montana.

Comrade Charles Horn, Helena, “

Alternates—Com. E. W. Waterbury, Anaconda, “

Comrade John McIrvine, Helena, “

II. Post Commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades (one from each Post) for appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; also names of comrades (one from each Post) for Assistant Inspectors. The above named comrades should be chosen who will act promptly and will perform their respective duties on time.

By command of

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
 Commander.

SAMUEL BELLEW,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MISSOULA, MONTANA, May 11, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 3. }

I. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic of Montana: The day is approaching by which we are reminded that we have a duty to perform in perpetuating the heroic deeds of our unnumbered dead comrades who touched our elbows, and drank out of the same canteen, who fought and died at our side, or since have died from wounds or disease incurred in preserving this great family of states as a nation, and as we find it today, united and undivisible.

II. By statutes and universal custom, the 30th of May has been set aside as Memorial Day throughout this great nation, and this year above all others, when again the long roll is sounding, "To arms, to arms," and our brothers' sons, or our daughters' lovers are bidding us a hasty good-by, while one arm encircles the form that may never be seen again, and the other holds the rifle or the rein of his warhorse, as he did 37 years ago, should not be forgotten or neglected this year.

III. This year Nature will furnish us with a full and fruitful harvest of her richest flowers, and see to it, comrades and friends, that every grave of our sleeping comrades is made fragrant and beautiful with wreath as never decked a warrior's grave. Perchance you or I, or our brothers or sons, now going to their country's call, may soon "sleep the sleep that knows no waking." Don't let the bent form and tottering feet of those who have mourned for a third of a century and grown old in this service go alone this year, but invite the loyal, patriotic neighbor to observe the day made sacred by the spilling of royal blood without measure that Justice might reign, Right prevail and Mankind be free.

IV. Favorable attention is directed to the recommendations of the commander-in-chief, that all Post commanders be requested to interest the schools in their vicinity to observe the day with appropriate songs, exercises, including principles of patriotism and loyalty to the flag.

V. All members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all old soldiers are requested to assemble at their Post halls and attend divine services in a body on Sunday, May 29th.

VI. Memorial Day is a day sacred to the Grand Army of the Republic, and you are expected to invite all members of the Woman's

Relief Corps, all whom mourn, all loyal patriotic citizens, school children civil and military societies, and in fact try and get all to observe the day as a day sacred to those who are resting in the "bivouac of the dead," and remind the people of our great state of the fact that we are now furnishing our proportion of another Grand Army, and that this Memorial Day should be observed in deed and truth, as a "holy day," and not desecrate by unseemly recreation or amusement.

By command of

W. H. H. DICKINSON.

Commander.

SAMUEL BELLEW.

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 MISSOULA, MONTANA, Aug. 16, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 NO. 4. }

I. The Thirty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 5th to 10th, 1898.

II. The Department Headquarters will be established at Hunt's Hotel, northwest corner of Central avenue and Carlisle. The location is central and on the line of march. The cost will not exceed \$1.00 per day for each person. Good restaurants are convenient and charges moderate.

III. No rates could be obtained from Montana. Parties contemplating the trip can take advantage of rates to Omaha, \$37.50 from Missoula, round trip, good September 2 to 15.

IV. The following appointments upon the department staff are hereby announced:

Senior Aide-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—John L. Sloane, Missoula.

Aides-de-Camp—

W. P. Rodabank, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

C. F. Loomis, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

W. H. Tracy, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

L. W. Grantier, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

W. N. Wright, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

A. C. Torrence, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel.

John Ormston, Moody Post No. 25, Ennis.

G. W. Simpkins, Garfield Post No. 26, Carlton.

V. Assistant Inspectors—

Thomas Boyle, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

L. D. Beary, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

J. M. Lindley, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

C. W. Lombard, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Eber Golden, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

D. W. C. O'Neil, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispel.

John Ormston, Moody Post No. 25, Ennis.

Minor Berry, Garfield Post No. 26, Carlton.

By command of

SAMUEL BELLEW,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
 Department Commander

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MISSOULA, MONTANA, Nov. 22, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 5. }

I. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations, Post officers, (except Adjutant, Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant), will be elected at the first stated meeting in December, unless a vote by ballot shall be dispensed with by unanimous consent, and they shall be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following, by the senior Past Post Commander; and in his absence by the Aides-de-Camp on the Commander's staff; and in the absence of any Past Post Commander and A. D. C., by the outgoing Commander.

II. The Post Inspectors appointed by the Department Commander will inspect the Post before installation, and if this duty has not been done, then the installing officer must do so. All dues and reports must be completed and placed in the hands of the installing officer, and see that the quartermaster has his bond ready for acceptance.

III. Delegates and Alternates to the Department shall be elected at the same time and manner as the Post officers. The number of such Delegates shall be apportioned according to the number of members in good standing, as follows: First—Two representatives at Large from each Post. Second—One representative for each 25 members, and an additional Representative for a final fraction of more than half that number. They shall be furnished with credentials signed by the Post Commander and Adjutant, a copy of which must be immediately forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General. Blanks for election returns (credentials) accompany this order. All Past Post Commanders are entitled to seats in the Department Encampment.

IV. Commanders are cautioned that they should not communicate the countersign to members of other Posts except upon presentation of a live leave of absence or a letter of request from the Commander of such Comrade's own Post. This is made necessary because the countersign has been communicated to members who had been suspended. Neither should the lapel button be given away by Comrades for fear it might fall into the hands of those who had been suspended or dropped.

V. It has come to the knowledge of these Headquarters that

there are many persons wearing lapel buttons who are not entitled thereto, and are claiming privileges contrary to the wording of Section 1192 of the Penal Codes, as we consider the conditions under which the button is given, are, that when a comrade allows himself to be suspended, he loses the right to wear it.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,

SAMUEL BELLEW,

Department Commander.

Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 MISSOULA, MONTANA, Nov. 22, 1898. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
 NO. 6. }

I. Accompanying this will be found the blanks for reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster. Post officers are requested and instructed to make up these reports promptly and as promptly forward to these Headquarters, so they can be forwarded to the proper Staff Officers, that they can compile the same and return to their respective Departments with the National Headquarters. All these reports must reach these Headquarters by the 10th day of January. The first fold of the report must be filled out with the names of present officers and date and place of meeting. Remit all money to Ed. S. Walker, A. Q. M. G., G. A. R., Helena, Mont. Do not send personal check. The new countersign will not be sent out to Posts until their reports are received. It is necessary for all comrades to see that their dues are promptly paid before the end of the year.

II. Be particularly careful about reporting names and services of Comrades who have died.

III. Comrades suspended or dropped should be reported by name in every instance.

IV. Posts are cautioned that it is unlawful to both suspend and drop a comrade in the same quarter, no matter how far in arrears he may be.

V. The Quartermaster will please remember that the Per Capita Tax is one dollar a year, payable semi-annually, and it should not be sent by personal checks, but by Money Order or Express.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

VI. Post Inspector, Joseph W. Allen ; Aide-de-Camp, John Bamber, Thos. L. Kane Post No. 12, Glendive, Mont.

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
 Department Commander.

SAMUEL BELLEW,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
MISSOULA, MONTANA, March 1, 1899. }

GENERAL ORDERS }
NO. 7. }

I. The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Butte on the 5th, 6th and 7th of April, 1899. Headquarters will be at the McDermott Hotel. The Encampment will convene at the hall of Lincoln Post No. 2, at 2 o'clock P. M. Wednesday, April 5, 1899. The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters of the Department at 10:30 o'clock A. M., April 5, for the transaction of such business as may properly be brought before it.

II. The following named Comrades are appointed a committee on credentials: Perry H. Manchester, C. B. Miller and J. S. Wisner. This committee will meet at Department Headquarters at 10 o'clock A. M. April 5.

III. Railroad rates from all points in Montana will be one and one-fifth fare, on the certificate plan, subject to a total attendance of fifty or more paying full fare going. Parties attending the Encampment will purchase one-way tickets at starting point, not more than three days prior to the opening of the Encampment, April 5th, taking receipt with the ticket from the ticket agent at the starting point, showing full fare paid going. These certificates, when properly filled out and signed by the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, showing that the holder has been in attendance at the Encampment, provided the attendance is sufficient, will be honored by the ticket agent at Butte up to and including one day after the Encampment, for tickets to return to the starting point in Montana at one-fifth fare.

IV. The Commander of Lincoln Post No. 2 will detail from his Post an Officer of the Day and an Officer of the Guard for duty during the Encampment; also comrades to act as sentinels. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at the hall at 1:30 o'clock P. M. April 5.

V. Post Commanders are requested to furnish to the Assistant Adjutant General, where they have not already done so, names of all Past Post Commanders in good standing December 31, 1898; also lists of officers for the year 1899.

All Comrades in good standing will be admitted to the Encampment.

VI. It is with deep sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of our beloved Commander-in-Chief, Col. Jas. A. Sexton, which occurred in the City of Washington on February 5, 1899. He served in the ranks as a private soldier and won promotion by gallant service in the field; as a brave soldier and a loyal and patriotic citizen his death will be sincerely mourned. In compliance with General Orders No. 5, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, C. S. Department and Post Headquarters and Charters will be draped and colors placed in mourning for 60 days from date of his death.

By command of

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
Department Commander.

SAMUEL BELLEW,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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J. S. WISNER Anaconda

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J. D. EATON Kalispel

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CHAPLAIN:

J. L. ALBRITTON Butte

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T. O'LEARY Anaconda

INSPECTOR:

W. H. SAFFORD Great Falls

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER:

J. D. JENKS Butte

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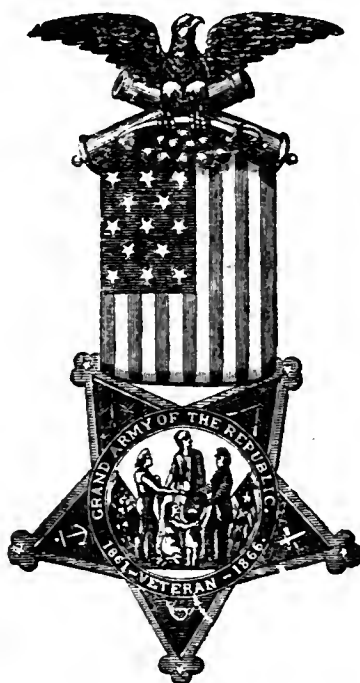
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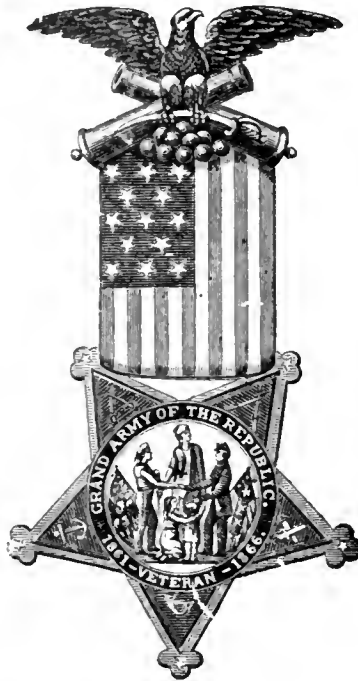
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Headquarters Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic.

Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900.

Pursuant to General Order No. 8, the Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met in the Post room of Wadsworth Post No. 3, at 10 a. m. Encampment opened in due form by Commander C. B. Miller; Comrade J. R. Hilman, pro tem Chaplain, making the opening prayer. Order convening the Encampment then read by Asst. Adjutant General. Roll of officers called. Following the call of officers the Department Commander appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials—L. D. Berry, F. P. Sterling and R. E. Fisk.

J. A. Schmitt, Commander of Wadsworth Post No. 3, delivered the address of welcome.

J. H. Jackson of Lincoln Post No. 3 appointed Assistant to the Adjutant General.

Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900.

To the 16th Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R.:

Commander—Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the list of those entitled to vote in this Encampment, by the Assistant Adjutant General, and so recommend that the same be adopted as the roll of this Encampment.

Whole number entitled to vote as shown by reports, is as follows:

Department officers	10 votes
Council of Administration	5 votes
Past Department Commanders	14 votes
Past Post Commanders and Representatives	142 votes

Total171 votes

Committee on Commander's address—J. M. Lindly, A. E. Gloyd and N. H. Morley.

Committee on Senior Vice Commander's report—C. F. Gage, John J. Knowlton and J. R. Hilman.

Committee on Assistant Adjutant General's report—P. H. Manchester, S. R. Schrake and G. W. Flanders.

Committee on Quartermaster General's report—Council of Administration.

Committee on Department Chaplain's report—H. S. Howell, R. A. Craig and E. H. Bruce.

Committee on Judge Advocate General's report—A. S. North, G. W. Flanders and M. J. King.

Committee on Inspector General's report—E. R. Golder, J. A. Schmitt and G. J. Henneberry.

Upon motion, order of business and rules of order, to be governed by rules of the 15th Encampment. Adopted.

Upon motion and second, recess taken to 2 o'clock p. m. Two o'clock p. m. Encampment called to order. Department Commander C. B. Miller delivered his address.

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—Twelve months ago I was honored with the highest position in the gift of this Department.

When looking forward a year appears a long time, but to us of the Grand Army, how brief the period.

Thirty-five years since Appomattox!

We were boys then, and boys we will continue until tattoo shall sound for each and all.

How vivid the scenes of that now long ago. With what enthusiasm we donned the new uniform and following the shrill fife and boisterous drum marched proudly through the street, through village and country and town, to battle for the starry banner we carried—to do or die for the eternal right. After the years of tribulation with what joy we laid aside the pomp and panoply of war, the hardships and trials of campaigning for the peaceful avocations of life, and yet how disappointing to many have proven the hopes and expectations then entertained. Four years of soldiering had not equipped them for successfully battling with the business world, and with those who had remained at home were the advantages of position thoroughly fortified, and training that had suffered no interruption. It is an easy and natural transition from the American citizen to the American soldier, and from the soldier to the citizen, but from the soldier to the capable man of business, the matter is not always easy, and thus many men who were model soldiers have been buffeted by adverse winds in commercial marts, and galling disappointments met them at every turn. Nothing was too good for them when standing a living barricade against their country's foes, but on returning bullet pierced or shell shattered, or suffering from the ravages of disease, the land they saved seemed to grudge the meager pension they asked, and to the widows of those who took up their abode in the vast cemeteries of the south it takes not the position of guardian to ward, to discharge the sacred trust, promised in the extremity of peril. I might aptly paraphrase—

"God and the soldier we alike adore

When in danger, not before;

The danger o'er, both are alike requited—

God's forgotten and the soldier slighted."

It then remains for us—comrades in the broadest sense—to stand by each other, as we then stood, elbows touching, cheering and sustaining our faint and faltering brothers, and to this end I wish especially to call the attention of the Encampment to the necessity of some relief for those who, after bearing the burden in the heat of the day,

are now incapable of sustaining it, and one by one are straggling by the wayside, unable to maintain their position in our ranks.

The time is near at hand when these annual encampments must be held at one of two or three easily accessible places, and in order that they may not become burdensome, I recommend that steps be taken limiting the expenditure for these meetings and the entertainment to be accepted.

In line with this I coincide with the Assistant Adjutant General's statement of the desirability of a permanent place for the records of the Department. Until the receipt of his report, I was not aware that the solemn obligation of Past Commanders to turn over the charter and all the property of their Posts, in case they disband, to the Department, has been violated in every instance, and it was too late for me to take action, so it is left a legacy to the incoming Commander.

In calling to notice the report of losses during the past year, both in Posts and membership, it is but proper to state as to the former, that while some chivalrous comrade has paid the per capita tax and thus kept up the number of Posts in the Department, the facts are that some of them have not had a meeting in two years, the membership being so small and widely scattered that the securing of a quorum was impossible. I would recommend that the members of these disbanded Posts be attached to the nearest or most convenient Post and carried on the roster at a nominal sum—perhaps only the per capita tax.

The suspensions for non-payment of dues aggregate 74, while the gains for the same period have been but 65. The loss by the four suspended Posts is 57, by transfer and discharges 10, by death 14, a heavy but hardly unexpected mortality.

A more liberal provision for reinstatement of suspended members is necessary if the ranks are to be kept filled.

An effort should be made to induce the hundreds of old soldiers in the state, who have never joined the Grand Army, to unite with us during the coming year. A grand opportunity is offered the new Commander to achieve mighty things for the Department.

I cordially endorse and commend to your careful consideration the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Quartermaster General and Department and Staff officers.

I congratulate the Encampment on the prosperous condition of the Soldier's Home, which is filled to its utmost capacity with contented and cheerful inmates. During the year a 500 bbl. water tank has been erected which provides additional fire protection and affords irrigation for lawn and garden. A new hospital building will soon be erected, fruit and other trees have been planted and everything is being brought to such a state of perfection as to afford a retreat where any man might be glad, in peace and quietude, to spend his declining years. In Comrades Howell (the efficient Secretary), Eaton, Sterling and Sloan, it has a Board of Managers who leave nothing undone to promote the welfare and provide for the comfort and pleasure of the old soldiers enjoying its hospitality.

I regret exceedingly to say that I was unable to attend the National Encampment, though I notified this Encampment before my election that I could not, and for the same reason—press of other business—I have been prevented from meeting with any other Post than my own, much as I desired to do so. Looking back over the year the accomplishments appear very small, but I have done the best I could under the circumstances.

I desire to thank and especially commend the faithful services of Assistant Adjutant General Beary and Assistant Quartermaster General Walker, whose efficiency have made the burdens of the Commander light.

My thanks are also due to the officers of the Department, and an able staff for their assistance and support.

In surrendering the baton of authority to become again a private, I wish for my successor the cordial support and kindly good wishes that have been mine for the year.

I again thank you, one and all, for the distinguished honor conferred, hoping that Time's hand may rest lightly upon you, and when life's battles are over it may be said of each—

“His coat of arms a spotless life,
An honest heart his crest;
Quartered therewith was innocence;
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A conscience void of all offense
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Submitted in fraternity, charity and loyalty,

C. B. MILLER, Commander.

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At Large, John J. Knowlton
At Large, G. J. Henneberry
E. H. Bruce
S. G. Smith
Thomas Boyle

ALTERNATES

W. P. Claybourn
R. M. Elliott
J. N. Hann
C. L. Wood
W. W. Williams

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.

Past Commanders.

R. C. Wallace
R. E. Fisk
T. H. Kleinschmidt
E. P. Sterling
S. K. Fishel
J. G. Sanders
H. T. C. Kleinschmidt
A. P. Webster
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Charles Horn
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W. M. Potter
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Garrison Redd
John Morris

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A. T. Newbury
H. H. Harvey
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FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.

Past Commanders.

J. E. Callaway
T. P. Cox
H. N. Blake
J. B. Howe

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Past Commanders.

W. H. Yeaton
N. Ebert
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Past Commanders.

O. Klemm
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WILLIAM ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

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DELEGATES

Hon. W. F. Sanders
George W. Flanders
Jesse Lambert

ALTERNATES

William H. Tracy
J. B. Jenkins
William Wade

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

Past Commanders.

W. H. H. Dickinson
William Landers
Samuel Bellew
J. L. Sloan

C. W. Lombard
David Bundy
W. H. Raymer
W. E. Bancroft

DELEGATES

Pope Catlin
William Landers

ALTERNATES

John L. Sloan
Samuel Bellew

GEORGE G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

Past Commanders.

T. C. Davidson
Roger Edwards
J. S. Wisner
E. A. Waterbury

Eber Golder
John Hallahan
A. Short
John Canovan

DELEGATES

George Eleston
Dennis Heffron

ALTERNATES

M. Lane
R. Shade

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.

Past Commanders.

Joseph O. Gregg
E. M. Mitchell
F. George Heldt

R. P. Herbold
W. H. Safford
John Mohr

DELEGATES

R. A. Milligan
J. C. Epler
C. E. Thayer
J. A. Walker

ALTERNATES

John Buckingham
A. J. Washborn
Sterling McDonald
A. D. Sutherland

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23.

Past Commanders.

D. J. Plume
J. D. Eaton
J. H. Ayres

R. C. Palmer
W. J. Sparks

DELEGATES

J. A. Davis
E. K. Gregg

ALTERNATES

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 24.

Past Commanders.

H. H. Garr
—— King
Henry Miller

N. H. Morley
D. A. Snyder

DELEGATES
Orange S. Hinds

ALTERNATES
J. R. Hillman

MOODY POST NO. 25.

Past Commanders.

A. N. Bull
John Ormiston

G. W. Burns

GARFIELD POST NO. 26.

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W. H. Reed

DELEGATES
Minor Berry

ALTERNATES

L. D. BEARY,
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Committee on Credentials.

Report of Assistant Adjutant General received, as follows:

Helena, Montana, March 1, 1900.

General C. B. Miller, Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Commander—I have the honor to report the condition of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, as shown by the records of this office, covering the period of your administration from April 7, 1899, to April 6, 1900.

The following table shows the losses and gains for the year ending December 31, 1899:

Statement.

Members in good standing December 31, 1898.....449
Posts in good standing December 31, 1898..... 17

Gained during the term ending June 30, 1899:

By muster	13
By transfer	6
By reinstatement	15

Losses during same term:

By death	5
By honorable discharge	1
By transfer	1
By suspensions	20

Total	27	34
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Net gain	7
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Total members June 30, 1899, and	
Posts	17 456

Second Term.

Gained during the term ending Dec. 31, 1899:

By muster	20
By transfer	6
By reinstatement	5

Losses during same term:

By death	9
By honorable discharge	5
By transfer	3
By suspensions	54

Thos. L. Kane Post, suspended, No. 12, members.....	12
Geo. K. Warren Post, suspended No. 20, members	16
John C. Fremont Post, suspended, No. 21, members.....	11
Burnside Post, suspended, No. 22, members	18
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	128
Net loss	97

Total members December 31, 1899.....359

Total Posts December 31, 1899

13

A total loss of four Posts and ninety members.

It is with regret that I am compelled to make the above report, but I have written the Commanders of the delinquent Posts time after time with no reply with the exception of No. 21, located at Hamilton, the Commander has stated that they have been trying for over a year to get a meeting of the Post but could not succeed and that they would surrender their charter. I wrote him to send it in but as yet he has not responded to my request, and I cannot find any trace of where there has been a single charter, book or paper even returned to the office of the Assistant Adjutant General, and again calling the attention of the Department to the necessity of having some permanent location of the Assistant Adjutant General's office, I would suggest that a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature that will convene this coming winter to appropriate one room in the Capitol building for the use of the Grand Army of the Republic to use as headquarters and have for a permanent place to keep all of the records and such other property as it may have.

It seems almost impossible to get and keep the records of this Department as they should be kept. I have tried to have a complete muster of all of the comrades of this Department, so this office could keep track of what becomes of each member, but as yet I am still lacking two reports. It looks to me as if this is of the greatest importance. We should know at each semi-annual report just who has been suspended and who restored. A book of that kind should be kept for that purpose.

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere thanks to you for my appointment to the office of Assistant Adjutant General, to the members of your staff and officers and comrades of the Department for their general kindness to me, and especially to Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, with whom our business relations have been most cordial and pleasant.

Truly yours, in F. C. and L.,

L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

Report of Assistant Quartermaster General Ed. S. Walker was presented as follows, and upon motion referred to the respective committee:

Office of A. Q. M. G., Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Helena, Montana, April 4, 1900.

C. B. Miller, Department Commander:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of this office from April 5, 1899, to this date:

Receipts.

Cash on hand April 5, 1899.....	\$137.35
Per capita tax from Posts	402.50
Supplies sold	32.15

Total\$572.00

Expenditures.

Quartermaster supplies purchases	8.35
Express charges	4.90
Repairs on banner . . . . .	.25
Printing and stationery	95.30
Salary Assistant Adjutant General	75.00
Salary Assistant Quartermaster General	75.00
Department per capita tax	10.45
Postage	12.50
Encampment badges	23.80

Total	\$305.55
Total receipts	572.00
Total expenditures	305.55

Net increase 129.10

Cash on hand 266.45

I submit herewith statements showing in detail receipts and expenditures, marked Exhibit "A" and "B."

Exhibit "A"—Receipts.

Name and No. of Post.	Per Cap. Tax 1899.		Q. M.
	June 30.	Dec. 31.	Sold.
Lincoln No. 2	\$ 32.00	\$ 36.50	\$13.50
Wadsworth No. 3	52.00	47.50	7.25
Frank Blair No. 6	6.50	6.50	
Farragut No. 7	14.00	10.00	
Steadman No. 8	12.50	6.50	
Wm. English No. 10	14.50	15.00	1.00
Fred Winthrop No. 11	8.00	8.00	1.00
Thos. L. Kane No. 12	12.00		
Geo. G. Meade No. 16	13.00	12.00	
Sheridan No. 18	22.00	11.50	
Burnside No. 22	9.00		
Nat Lyons No. 23	7.50	7.50	
G. B. McClellan No. 24	11.50	9.50	3.90
Moody No. 25		5.00	
Garfield No. 26	7.50	5.00	
Sale of badges			5.50
Total	\$222.00	\$180.50	\$32.15
Per capita tax for posts		\$402.50	
Supplies sold		32.15	
Cash on hand at beginning of term		137.35	
Total		\$572.00	

Exhibit "B"—Expenditures.

1899.	
April 18, A. J. Fisk, postage	\$ 4.00
April 18, N. P. Express Co., express charges	3.60
May 1, James Crump, repairs to banner . . . . .	.25
May 1, Thurber & Co., printing	19.00
May 3, Fred W. Spark, Quartermaster General supplies	8.55
June 5, Thurber & Co., printing	10.25
July 3, L. D. Beary, 1st quarter salary	18.75
July 3, Ed. S. Walker, 1st quarter salary	18.75
July 25, Thurber & Co., printing	41.60

Aug. 3, Fred W. Spink, Department per capita tax.....	5.85
Oct. 1, L. D. Beary, 2nd quarter salary	18.75
Oct. 1, Ed. S. Walker, 2nd quarter salary.....	18.75
No. 8, L. D. Beary, stationery and postage.....	12.70
1900.	
Jan. 9, L. D. Beary, 3rd quarter salary.....	18.75
Jan. 9, Ed. S. Walker, 3rd quarter salary.....	18.75
Jan. 9, State Publishing Co., printing	13.75
Feb. 14, Edward H. Kinson, Department per capita tax.....	4.60
March 20, N. P. Express Co., express charges.....	.30
March 26, N. P. Express Co., express charges.....	1.00
March 26, Whitehead, Hoag & Co., badges.....	23.80
April 3, Ed. S. Walker, 4th quarter salary.....	18.75
April 3, Ed. S. Walker, postage	1.50
April 3, L. D. Beary, 4th quarter salary.....	18.75
April 3, L. D. Beary, stamps and printing.....	5.00

Total\$305.55

The consolidated reports of the Department for the term ending Dec. 31, 1899, show as follows:

Receipts.

Cash on hand June 30, 1899.....	\$ 818.84
Received from all sources	1,056.48
Total	\$1,875.32

Disbursements.

Per capita tax	\$ 179.50
Relief from Post funds	126.25
All other disbursements	788.82
Cash balance on hand	780.75

Total\$1,875.32

Value of Post property as shown by reports:

Cash in Post fund	\$ 780.75
Cash in Relief fund	55.72
Market value of real estate	840.00
Cash invested, furniture, etc..	1,622.00

Total value Post property\$3,298.47

Value of supplies on hand\$ 70.00

All accounts presented to date have been paid.

With thanks to yourself, Commander, and all comrades of the Department. I am,

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and L.,

ED. S. WALKER, Asst. Q. M. Gen.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Commander and Comrades—A careful perusal of the reports made by my predecessors convinces me that the only duty the Senior Vice Commander has to perform, is to support the Department Commander both mentally and physically in his undertakings, but I am sure I may be pardoned if I depart from the beaten path and venture to offer one or more suggestions, and I trust these may not be taken as reflecting upon any member of this Department.

I have observed that in many instances comrades have received

appointments as officers of the Department who rarely attend the sessions of the Encampment, They may be worthy, may possess every qualification, may even be better prepared to discharge the duties of such office than those who do attend these meetings, but the fact remains that year after year we meet here comrades who at great personal sacrifices have journeyed to these sessions and have gone away empty handed, and I am convinced that they and not the absentees are entitled to the honors of office.

I am struck with the small attendance and am of the opinion that many more would come if they were permitted to represent their respective Posts, and I would suggest that our laws of representation be so changed as to provide that each Post shall be entitled to one delegate for each ten members in good standing and two at large. I am sure if this could be done that more interest would be created in Post and Encampment matters.

For thirteen years have I been a member of this organization and one of the great pleasures of my life has been the friendships I have here made. Our Encampments have been replete with social festivities and good legislation and in all of them we can find no cause for regret but every cause for rejoicing that we are thus permitted to meet in annual session, to bring us closer in our fraternal relations and to perpetuate our great organization.

At your hands I received this very honorable office and I appreciate every courtesy shown me, and my only hope is that our camp fires may continue for many years to brightly burn and around them we may be permitted to gather with fraternal greetings.

Fraternally,

J. S. WISNER, S. V. Commander.

No report from the Junior Vice Commander, but the following telegram was read to the Encampment:

Kalispell, Montana, April 5, 1900.

Dr. Miller, Commander G. A. R., Helena, Montana:

Regret that I can not be with you people in the flesh. I assure you that I am in spirit.

J. D. EATON.

Inspector General's report received and read:

Great Falls, Montana, March 31, 1900.

L. D. Beary, A. A. G., Department of Montana, Helena, Montana:

Comrade—I herewith enclose you annual reports as Inspector General, Department of Montana, G. A. R., which I have withheld, as you suggested, thinking that the balance of the Posts would send in their reports. The report I send is very unsatisfactory, and not very creditable to the Department, as only seven Posts out of the total number have sent reports for this office, which does not give the Inspector an opportunity of making the right report, and would suggest that the matter be brought before the Encampment urging upon Assistant Inspectors the necessity of forwarding their reports in time in order to give the Inspector an opportunity of making a report that would be creditable to the Department.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. H. SAFFORD, Department Inspector.

Headquarters, Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Office of the Department Inspector, March 31, 1900.

To Inspector General, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending December, 1899:

Total number of Posts 19
Total number of members in good standing.....302

Number of Posts inspected	7
Number of Posts not inspected	12
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings.....	Fair
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified.....	Yes
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	2; No. 5 partially
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	None
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept.....	7
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	7
Number of Posts having a relief fund	1
Aggregate of Post relief funds	No report
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief	\$ 240.20
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	740.92
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	2,676.07
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.....	6
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	1

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,
W. H. SAFFORD, Department Inspector.

Report of Department Chaplain read:

To the Sixteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R., Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900:

My report as Chaplain of the Department is necessarily brief. I have received reports from ten Posts regarding our Memorial services, viz.: Wm. English No. 10 of Bozeman; Farragut No. 7, Livingston; Garfield No. 26, Carlton; Thos. L. Kane No. 12, Glendive; Lincoln No. 2, Butte; Nat Lyons No. 23, Kalispell; Geo. B. McClellan No. 29, Columbia Falls; Geo. G. Meade No. 16, Anaconda; Sheridan No. 18, Great Falls; Wadsworth No. 3, Helena. Eight of these Posts observed Memorial Sabbath. All of these Posts observed Memorial Day. Two hundred and eighty-nine comrades participated in the services. Two hundred and seventy-three graves were decorated.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. ALBRITTON, Department Chaplain.

Communication received from the W. R. C. announcing their readiness to present their greetings to the Encampment. Commander C. B. Miller appointed Comrades Sanders, Dolman and Callaway a committee to escort and introduce the ladies of the above committee. After the address and response by the Commander an invitation was extended by the ladies for the Encampment to be present at their hall on the 6th inst., 2 o'clock p. m.

Recess then taken for reports of committees.

Committee on report of Senior Vice Commander reported its adoption.

Commander Miller and Comrades of the Grand Army:

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to your order wish to extend to you, visiting friends, and any you may desire to invite, an invitation to be present Friday afternoon, April 6, Shiloh Day, at 2 p. m., to listen to the annual address and reports of the Department President, Ruth A. Burton, and the Memorial services in memory of Annie Whittemore.

By order of
RUTH A BURTON, Department President.

VIOLET GILBERT, Department Secretary.

Commander and Comrades of the 16th Annual Encampment:

We, the committee appointed to act on the report of the Senior Vice Commander, heartily endorse his recommendation as to the rep-

resentation required to the Annual Encampment and recommend the adoption of his report.

Faternally,

C. F. GAGE.
J. J. KNOWLTON.
J. R. HILMAN.

To the Commander and Comrades of Montana:

Your Special Committee to which was referred the report of the Senior Vice Commander and especially so much thereof as refers to the representation in the Annual Encampment of the several Posts have had the same under consideration. The Committee is constrained to believe that considering the number of small Posts in the Department and the large number of Past Post Commanders who are ex officio members of the Department Encampment, the subject is not of so much consequence as a casual observation of it would make appear. Your Committee, if it shall seem necessary to make any change, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That there shall be elected from each Post two delegates at large and one delegate for each 20 members of such Post, but by reason hereof no Post shall be entitled to more than seven elective representatives, but this resolution shall not impair the right of Past Post Commanders to represent their Posts in the Annual Encampment."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. H. DICKINSON,
H. S. Howell,
W. C. SANDERS,
Committee.

The Committee on Senior Vice Commander reported its adoption. Exception to same, and the report was referred to the following named Comrades: Dickinson, Sanders and Howell; who made the following report, which was adopted:

Council of Administration who examined the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General's reports recommended their adoption.

Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900.

C. B. Miller, Department Commander:

Dear Sir—The Council of Administration would respectfully report that we have carefully inspected the books of the Assistant Quartermaster General and Assistant Adjutant General and find them well kept and correct, and recommend their adoption.

We most heartily endorse and recommend that portion of the Assistant Adjutant General's report suggesting that a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature asking that a room be set apart for the use of the G. A. R. to use as headquarters for a permanent and safe keeping of their records and such other property as it may have.

J. M. LINDLEY.
ALANSON N. BULL.

Committee on Inspector General's report recommended its adoption.

Helena, Montana, April 6, 1900.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the 16th Encampment:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander beg leave to report that that portion of the Commander's report referring to the Assistant Adjutant General's report of the desirability of a permanent place for the records of the Department, we do not consider that it is within the province of this

Committee to make any recommendations, as that matter is already in the hands of another Committee. That we endorse the Commander's recommendations to attach members of disbanded Posts to the nearest or most convenient Post at a nominal fee of \$1.00 per annum. With these few recommendations we move the adoption of the Commander's report.

JOS. M. LINDLEY.

A. E. GLOYD.

N. H. MORLEY.

Committee on address of Department Commander made the following report:

Committee on Assistant Adjutant's report reported adversely on part of the Adjutant General's report, as follows:

Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900.

We, your Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, would report as follows: On the suggestion of having the location of the Assistant Adjutant General's office in one permanent place, can hardly approve of such suggestion; that we cannot see how the Assistant Adjutant General's office can be in any other place except the location of the residence of the Department Commander.

On the balance of the report we heartily approve the report.

P. H. MANCHESTER.

S. R. SHRAKE.

GEO. W. FLANDERS.

Helena, Montana, April 6, 1900.

Department Commander C. B. Miller and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

We, your Committee on the Assistant Adjutant General's report, which was recommitted, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That that portion of the report relative to the Department records, we would recommend that steps be taken to the permanent location of all records except the records of the two years preceding the Encampment year.

P. H. MANCHESTER.

S. R. SHRAKE.

GEO. W. HENDERS.

The following resolution offered by Dr. L. E. Holmes and adopted:

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant of this Department is requested to ask of each Post in the Department a history of such Post from its inception to date, to include its organization and a list of all members admitted and their ultimate disposition, and that a copy of such history be deposited with this Department, and that the Assistant Adjutant shall endeavor to procure such history in some manner of all disbanded Posts to the end that a record perfect so far as possible be preserved of the Grand Army in this Department.

L. E. HOLMES.

The following resolutions offered by Pierce and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved. That the members of Department Encampment of G. A. R., state of Montana, tell and voice with great admiration the record made in the Spanish-American war by the members of the First Regiment of Montana Volunteers. That by their deeds of valor they have maintained the record of their sires and added lustre to the history and reputation of the American Volunteer. That the survivors at all times be welcomed to our camp fires and other public meetings. That we shall always cherish the memory of the fallen ones and extend our sincere sympathy to their surviving comrades, relatives and friends.

Comrade W. F. Sanders offered the following resolutions and moved their adoption. Same adopted.

In case any Post in this Department shall be in default in making any return required of it or shall neglect on the surrender or cancellation of its charter to return the same to the Adjutant General, it may and shall be lawful for the Department Commander, by a general order issued by him, to appoint and deputize any member of the Grand Army to go to the proper officer of such Post and there demand such return or charter to be delivered to the comrade so appointed and to take such other or further action as shall secure such return or charter.

W. F. SANDERS.

Resolution.

It may and shall be lawful for the Department Commander in his discretion to send any comrade whom he may select to any Post which shall be derelict or in arrears as to its annual report or as to the return of its suspended charter and records to demand of the proper officer in person the return of charter and records as the case may be, and to take such other action as will secure obedience to the requirements in this regard of our Constitution and By-Laws.

W. F. SANDERS.

Adopted.

Committee on Department Chaplain's report made favorable report and moved its adoption. Report reads as follows:

Helena, Montana, April 5, 1900.

To C. B. Miller, Department Commander:

Sir—Your Committee appointed to examine the report of the Chaplain of the Department beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them and found as follows: The report contains a full statement of his official acts during the past year, all of which we cordially endorse and recommend for approval by the Encampment.

The Chaplain seems to have given all the attention necessary to his duties and while we find that owing most likely to his short residence in the state his ideas on canteens and such like are somewhat crude, we are inclined to the opinion that time will cure this with him, as it has in every other case within our knowledge, and that therefore no further action is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HOWELL,

R. A. CRAIG,

E. H. BOURN,

Committee.

Motion made that Assistant Adjutant General publish the roster of Posts with the next Journal of Proceedings of this Department. Carried.

Upon motion the Commander appointed Comrades Dickinson, Hillman and Howell to care for a colored inmate of the Soldiers' Home, who desires to be sent to his old home and friends in North Carolina, to procure transportation if necessary.

Upon motion, recess was ordered to the 6th inst., 10 a. m.

April 6th, 10 o'clock a. m.

Encampment called to order, pursuant to adjournment, by Department Commander, when the Adjutant General reported the death of Past Department Chaplain H. S. Taft of Columbia Falls, and upon motion a page in the Journal was dedicated to his memory.

Motion by Comrade Holmes that the Encampment take a recess to 1:30 p. m. Carried.

1:30 p. m., Encampment called to order by Commander C. B.

Miller, who stated that the Encampment was yet under the head of unfinished business and that the election of Department officers for the ensuing year should be attended to, he would appoint Comrades _____ as tellers, and appointed Col. P. R. Dolman Special Mustering Officer.

P. H. Manchester was placed in nomination for Department Commander. Upon motion nominations closed. Upon motion rules suspended and Adjutant General instructed to cast vote of Encampment for P. H. Manchester for Department Commander]

A. N. Bull, for Senior Vice Commander.

J. M. Lindly, for Junior Vice Commander.

C. B. Miller, Medical Director.

J. L. Albritton, Department Chaplain.

Were nominated and elected by suspension of the rules, and a vote by the Adjutant General as instructed by the Encampment.

Election for delegates and alternates resulted in the election of J. A. Schmitt of Helena as delegate, and W. H. Black of Butte as alternate.

Comrades Augustus Short, Anaconda; W. F. Sanders, Helena; H. S. Howell, Helena, Richard Craig, Helena, and C. W. Lombard, Missoula, were duly elected as members of the Council of Administration.

Upon motion, Butte was selected for the meeting of the 17th Encampment, in the year 1901.

Upon motion the salary of the Assistant Adjutant General was to remain same as the past year.

Col. P. R. Dolman, Mustering Officer, proceeded to muster the above named officers.

Commander P. H. Manchester named the following comrades as Staff Officers:

Samuel H. Almon, Assistant Adjutant General, Butte.

Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena.

J. S. Wisner, Inspector General, Anaconda.

J. O. Gregg, Judge Advocate General, Great Falls.

W. H. Dickinson, Chief Mustering Officer, Missoula.

Comrade J. H. Jackson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Encampment be and are hereby extended to the various railway companies for their courtesies in giving reduced railway passes to the delegates and members attending this Encampment. Also to the Helena Street Railway companies for granting free passes to all members of the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. during this Encampment. Adopted.

There being no further business the Encampment closed in due form.

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, RUTH C. BURTON.

Butte, April 5, 1900.

Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Montana, Co-Laborers in our Great and Good Work:

You, by your ballots, showed your confidence in me by electing me to the highest office in the Department of Montana. At first, in looking forward to the end of the year, it seemed a long time; but now in looking backward it is all too short for the work I had planned in the beginning, and I find at the end many things undone that I should have done and perhaps many done which I should have left undone, and for this I ask your indulgence in the beginning.

After the convention was over and all had gone home, I began to

look the work squarely in the face. Not much to assist me in the beginning, not even stationery, and very little money in the treasury with pay-day three months away. I felt quite discouraged and almost concluded I did not want the job and would resign, when I remembered something of the kind before, and meeting Comrade Jenks on the street he called me a coward and said no good soldier would retreat. I gained courage and got the Relief Corps baggage out to inspect the contents. The first thing that greeted me was a small flag; the Stars and Stripes! Blessed emblem of our country! As I took it up it seemed to say, "Follow me!, I will lead you to victory!"

I did not see my way clear to have orders printed, besides it was so near Decoration Day that it would mean two orders within a short time. I resolved to write a letter of greeting to each Post and Corps in September, also to the three first National officers.

To resolve was to do, and in almost every case I received a kindly written reply that I enjoyed more than printed orders. But, after I had done this I wondered if it was the proper thing and wrote my Counsellor, Mrs. Kirkendall, of Helena, telling her what I had done and expecting a reprimand. She said, "Whenever you are in doubt in your work take your Rules and Regulations, read them carefully, add a little common sense, and you will come through all right."

This has been my talisman for the year, and I bless the hand that wrote it.

I then began to look forward to Decoration Day. I knew there were many Comrades sleeping their last sleep where there were no Posts and no Corps, and they must not be forgotten. I wrote to Miss Viola Rich, daughter of Comrade Rich, sending her my Orders No. 1, and asking her to carry them out and assist me in any way she could to make the day what it should be. Miss Rich, with the help of other young ladies, built the mound and decorated the graves, not only of the heroes of '61-64, but those of '98-99 as well, and it was a day long to be remembered in Dillon.

Boulder was another place without Post or Corps. Miss Carpenter undertook the work here and nobly carried it out, planting flags and strewing flowers over the Comrades' graves. To these two young ladies I extend our sincere thanks, and would request a repetition of the same loving service on next Decoration Day.

Custer did itself proud in remembering those who had fallen by our border foe.

I received a letter from the National President commending the idea of draping the chairs of members who have passed away during the year. I believe the idea is original with myself. She thinks it very nice and advises its continuance. It is but little to do, and it is not to the dead we speak but to the living.

June 1st the Department was saddened by the death of Mrs. Blaisdell of Wadsworth Corps, Helena. The last time she was out was Decoration Day. She was one of the faithful workers and is sadly missed by her family and members of the order, but her good works have only gone before.

Let no one who loved her
Be saddened or weep;
But say low to each other,
"She is only asleep."

July 1st we began looking for reports. They were very slow and the 4th had passed before we had heard from one Corps; but this, we concluded, was on account of warm weather. But sisters, remember, it is just as warm for Department officers and the time is none too long for them to do their work. Please be more prompt.

The time was drawing near for National Convention and my heart sank with the thought that I could not go. Past Department President made no recommendations for money to bear expenses, therefore few of the Corps responded, and I suppose they were like myself, scarce of money. I had to do as many times before in my life, swallow the pill of dissatisfaction, but I soon learned we would not be without a representative.

August 1st I made my usual yearly visit to Helena, and I can safely say that of the many visits it was the best. While I did not have the pleasure of attending a Corps meeting, I was tendered a reception at the home of the Senior Vice (Mrs. Shaw), assisted by members of Wadsworth Corps. It was an evening of pleasure entwined with flowers and brightened by the company of Department Commander Milton and the Comrades of Wadsworth Post. The few days spent in Helena at that time stand out like a bright landmark in the year's work and will be long remembered. I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Simonton, Chief of Staff, start for the National Encampment at Philadelphia, equipped with everything necessary and fully able to stand up for the Department of Montana, and that she did as the report will show.

September 1st, we, throughout the state, began looking for the return of the Spanish soldiers, and almost every other work was laid aside. Many had gone camping and the Corps were almost deserted for a time, but they came up all right at the end of the quarter, only a little late.

October 1st, I received a very kind invitation to visit William English Corps at Bozeman and be present at their inspection. As this was the first opportunity of visiting a Corps, I gladly accepted, and was soon under the hospitable roof of Mrs. Edsall, Past Department President. The work was well done and the harmony and good feeling was something to be proud of, especially in the evening when Post and Corps joined to extend their greetings, and in looking around I found Comrade Holmes and wife of Lincoln Post and Corps and many young soldiers of Manila fame. I could but say, "All is well with William English Corps." My visit was so pleasant that I was loath to leave, and only did so with the promise of a visit next summer when everything would be green.

After four days thus spent I returned home, all expenses paid by William English Corps. Many thanks, especially to Mrs. Edsall and family, whose guest I was while there.

I have had invitations to visit every Corps in the Department and do wish I could have done so. While I think the Corps would have been greatly benefitted by the visit, the President would have been still more so. It would bring them nearer together and promote better acquaintance, but at the present time finances will not permit of it and the only way is by the pen route, which is very unsatisfactory. I have done all I could on paper.

November 1st. Order No. 2, advising of the coming election and requesting care in the selection of officers who would work for the welfare of all in the order of which we are an auxiliary.

Reports came in from all Corps except Burnside, Philipsburg. The Post had disbanded and left them alone. Many had moved away and Death had placed his cold touch on loved ones in the homes of our sisters, and they seemed to be cut off for awhile. I knew they did not want to be dropped and wanted a little time to rally, so I carried them through with old officers until such time as the silver lining appeared to them during the month of October. December the Post was sorely visited, losing three of their members, Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Powell and Mr. Sprague. They will be greatly missed as they have gone at the last call. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families in their sorrow, trusting they will be reunited in the Army of Hereafter where there is no sorrow nor parting evermore.

December 1st. This month has many things in store for us. Election of officers the first. This year each Corps seemed to feel they had started out with renewed energy and with a new staff of officers would be more prosperous, and I really hope their wishes will return many fold.

Then comes preparation for Christmas. Each member has her own cares, but still time to think of her obligation to care for the Comrade and his dependent ones. The contributions from Corps in Department has enabled the sister of George B. McClellan to make the Christmas at the Soldiers' Home at Columbia Falls very cheerful and bright for those who have taken up their abode with Commandant Hillman, and the only word of censure we hear is that he is too kind and indulgent to the old boys. Be it ever thus! Their days are numbered. They fought the good fight. Be kind to them to the last. Members of the Department, do not forget your donations at Christmas time to brighten the Home. Remember your obligations. The year of 1899 is drawing to a close. We are loath to part. It has brought its cares and sorrows as well as bright spots, but like old friends we must say "goodbye." We close the year by wishing you a happy New Year, and enter upon a new century—1900.

Reports very slow. In fact some Corps forgot to send any at all. Only sent per capita tax, so were carried on with old officers.

January 1st. I received an invitation to be present at joint installation of Lincoln Post and Corps, and install newly-elected officers of my home Corps. It was a great pleasure to have this privilege, as I was a charter member and ever had their interest at heart, and always hope for the success of Lincoln Corps. Here let me speak of the beautiful remembrance given me by the members of Lincoln Post and Corps. This little pin I wear, the center a brilliant diamond, emblematic of the office I hold; the outer circle the less brilliant pearl, the eyes of the Comrades fast growing dim looking to me for the fulfillment of my obligations. I will wear it always with many kind thoughts of the donors and the evening.

This month was one of sickness. The small-pox scare has entered into it quite largely, but the month passed with it and we find ourselves at February 1st.

We received National Orders asking us to remember Lincoln's birthday and hold suitable services. I fear it was not observed as it should have been. Let us try and be more thoughtful next year of our martyred President.

At this time we were shocked by receiving the news of the death of Mrs. Annie Whittemore, Past National President, and one of the National Home Band. All who have attended National Conventions will remember her well and how her life has been given to the soldiers—army nurse, pensions, and so on, in Washington. She was a well known figure and beloved by all, ever ready to champion the cause of Comrades. What a pleasure it is to us to know we, with our little mite, helped to give her a pleasant home to pass the last hours while she lived to a ripe old age. We are loath to say "farewell." Kind friend, enter thou into a peaceful rest.

Have received orders from all National officers giving us good and kind instruction in a general way to help us on in the year's work. These I have distributed throughout the Department and hope you will study them well and profit by them.

Again the word comes to us that another of our defenders has answered the last call and passed to the Great Beyond. George J. Merritt, Past National Commander, answered to his name February 17, 1900. To the G. A. R. we extend sympathy in their great loss. He had done his work well and you will soon follow. The year is fast passing away. I had thought to gather at least one sheaf this year but was disappointed. The Treasurer, Mrs. Manchester, and myself, tried hard to organize a Corps in Anaconda but failed. Also in

Dillon, but we leave it for the next President to garner, and wish her success.

My correspondence has been something. I have addressed 228 envelopes and postals. I have tried to answer every letter as quickly as possible. I have had inquiries from soldiers and friends of whom I knew nothing, but I answered them just the same. One Comrade wanted me to try to get his pension extended. Would I go to Helena and see the Commander or Senator Carter. As this would be quite expensive, I wrote him the best thing for him was to make application at the nearest Post and go to the Home. I hope he got there. And here let me say the letters from members of the W. R. C. have been so kind and good I will keep them and often read them over, and may perhaps find other things between the lines to remind me of the year's work, and should I so far forget myself some time in the hereafter and write you, say to yourselves, "She has been reading over the old letters." No word of unkindness or contention has reached me. Nothing to ruffle the waters of Montana. All is well, and now I want to thank my staff for their help and kindness, and, in fact, many thanks to the Department of Montana.

My Counsellor—what can I say to her? Ever faithful, ever true. A better friend you'll never find. Thank you, sisters. As to recommendations, I have some I would like to make for us in Montana, but they would conflict with Rules and Regulations. I do recommend making provision for a Delegate to National Convention. The Department President, if possible, and that each Corps start in at once to have their proportion ready—25 cents per member. Montana is too rich to be left without representative. This year it will meet in Chicago, so the expense will not be so heavy. At last Convention the members voted me the task of in some way having the last seven years' work preserved, but did not say where the money should come from to do it with. I have done the best I could. Have had it type-written and filed in book binding, so that with care it will alst many years. I recommend that each succeeding President have her years' work done in the same way before she finishes her year's work.

And now, my dear co-workers, my year's work is done. I promised you at the beginning to do the best I could, and I have done it and thank you one and all.

"And when round this loved altar
You gather some day,
And perchance may make mention
Or her who's away;
And you count the links missing
From Love's golden chain,
Just say with rejoicing,
She's found them again."

Farewell,

RUTH A. BURTON,

Department President.

April 1, 1900.

General orders issued by Department Commander during term ending April 6th, 1900:

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,....
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**

HELENA, Montana, April 10th, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.

I. Having been chosen and duly installed as Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command, cognizant of the great responsibilities such acceptance entails upon me. I bespeak the help of every Comrade, for it is only by the earnest work of every member that our association can be made a success.

II. Officers of the staff, appointed and installed, are as follows:
Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade L. D. Beary, Helena.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade Ed. S. Walker, Helena.
Inspector General—Comrade W. H. Safford, Great Falls.
Judge Advocate—Comrade T. O'Leary, Anaconda.
Chief Mustering Officer—Comrade J. D. Jenks, Butte.

III. Senior Aid-de-Camp and Chief of Staff—Comrade Samuel Bellew, Missoula.

IV. Headquarters are established at Helena, Montana.

All communications on official business should be addressed to L. D. Beary, A. A. G., Helena, Montana.

C. B. MILLER, Commander.

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,....
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**

HELENA, Montana, April 10th, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.

I. The Fifteenth Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Butte, Montana, April 5th, 6th and 7th, 1899, elected the following comrades to office for the following year:

Commander—C. B. Miller, Helena, Montana.

Senior Vice Commander—Comrade J. S. Wisner, Anaconda, Mont.

Junior Vice Commander—Comrade J. D. Eaton, Kalispell, Montana.

Chaplain—Rev. Comrade J. L. Albritton, Butte, Montana.

Medical Director—Comrade L. E. Holmes, Butte, Montana.

Council of Administration—Comrade George W. Shaw, Helena, Montana; Comrade A. N. Bull, Ennis, Montana; Comrade H. H. Garr, Columbia Falls, Montana; Comrade S. H. Almon, Butte, Montana; Comrade J. M. Lindley, Bozeman, Montana.

Delegates to the National Encampment at Philadelphia, Penn.—Comrade H. S. Howell (Delegate at Large) and A. N. Bull, Ennis, Montana. Alternates—Comrade J. A. McElroy, Bozeman; Comrade G. J. Henneberry, Butte.

II. Post Commanders will forward to these Headquarters the names of Comrades (one from each Post) for appointments as Aid-de-Camps on the Staff of the Department Commander; also the names of Comrades (one from each Post) for Assistant Inspectors. Care should be taken in the selection of the above officers, and only given to those who will act promptly in the performance of their duties.

By Command of

C. B. MILLER, Commander.

L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,....
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**

HELENA, Montana, April 30, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3.

The time approaches when we shall again celebrate the Festival of our dead.

In accordance with custom and in obedience to orders from National Headquarters, Tuesday, May 30th, will be observed as Memorial Day.

Posts throughout the department will assemble at their respective halls, at such time as may be designated, to participate in these ceremonies.

All visiting Comrades, the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Confederate Veterans, Military and Civic Societies and citizens generally, are invited to join in the services.

It is especially enjoined that this day, set apart in honor of the heroic dead, be not desecrated by turning it into a day for picnic or

sportive outing. Since its last observance many a home has been saddened by reason of a loved one having fallen in defense of that flag for which we fought, and we feel assured of the assistance of the friends of these in maintaining it inviolate.

In the brief year past, Comrades to the number of a full division have responded to the last roll call, and in the van our revered Commander-in-Chief, James A. Sexton, closely followed by Past Department Commander, Thomas P. Fuller, of our own state, who, in years when these exercises were less favored than now, headed a gallant band and marched to the cemetery to do honor to the Nation's fallen, brave defenders.

Little did we think that we, at this time, should be called upon to pay to them our tribute of love and memory in the silent camping ground of the dead. For them

"The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo."

While the opportunity is ours, let us reverently discharge a sacred duty and cover the last resting places of our dead comrades with the choicest flowers of Springtime, and see that over them shall float the starry banner they so loved that their lives were offered a willing sacrifice in its defense. On the mounds above them, as altars of patriotism, let us consecrate ourselves anew to that "Fraternity which should bind us together as comrades, that Charity which shall prompt us to the noblest sacrifices for the needy and destitute wards of our Grand Army, and that loyalty which shall bind us to the faithful performance of our duty as citizens and an undying vigilance which is the price of liberty."

By Command of
C. B. MILLER, Department Commander.
L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA,....
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
HELENA, Montana, April 10th, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS.

At the Department Encampment, held in Butte, on April 5th, 6th and 7th, 1899, the following resolution was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That is it the sense of this Encampment that the Constitution of the National Organization of the Grand Army of the Republic should be so amended, where it reads that "no person who has ever borne arms against the United States is eligible to become a member of this organization," that it be changed to read as per the following memorial; and that a copy of this be sent to every Department Commander of the Grand Army of the United States:

MEMORIAL.

To the National Encampment to be held in Philadelphia this year, 1899.

Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended so as to receive as members those who were compelled to bear arms against the United States, but upon the first opportunity joined the Union Army and received an honorable discharge from the United States.

The law as it now stands looks as if it were a good and just law, but to many men who lived in the border states, and some who lived in the south, it is an unjust discrimination. There were men who were forced into the Confederate army, and held there for a time against their will, and at the first opportunity they deserted the rebel army and joined the army of the union and proved themselves to be loyal to the United States government, and were honorably discharged at the close of the war.

We therefore pray the Grand Army of the Republic, at its approaching Encampment, to so change the Constitution, that such hon-

orably discharged soldiers may become members of the Grand Army.
C. B. MILLER, Department Commander.
Attest: L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

**HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, . . .
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.**

HELENA, Montana, November 25, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.

I In compliance with the rules and regulations, the annual inspection of Posts will be made prior to December 31, 1899. A blank of Form H., for such inspection, with addressed envelope for Department Inspector, is herewith enclosed. The Senior Past Post Commander present at each Post will make the inspection. If no Past Post Commander is present at the meeting when inspection is to take place, the Post Commander will detail a suitable comrade to make the inspection. The form of the inspection will be found in the Service Book. Reports of the inspection will be promptly forwarded to W. H. Stafford, Department Inspector, Great Falls, Montana.

II. The annual election of officers of each Post will be held at the first regular meeting in December. At the same meeting Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment will be elected. Each Post is entitled to one representative and one alternate for every fifty members in good standing, and one additional representative and alternate for a fractional part of more than half that number. Posts having less than fifty members are entitled to one representative and one alternate. Post Commanders and Past Post Commanders, being ex-officio members of the Encampment, should not be elected as representatives.

The basis of representation is the number of members in good standing, as shown by the Adjutant's report for the term ending June 30th, 1899. Posts in arrears for dues and reports are not entitled to representation in the Encampment.

Blanks in duplicate for reports of Representatives and Alternates elect, with names of all Past Post Commanders, in good standing, are enclosed herewith. A blank for report of Post Officers elect will be sent with next General Orders.

III. Blanks of consolidated forms A and B, in duplicate, for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's reports for the second term of 1899 are herewith enclosed. These reports should be made out, and with the per capita tax of fifty cents for each member, forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General immediately after the last meeting in December. They should not be held back until the end of the month.

The figures in red ink represent the number in good standing as per last report, and should under no circumstances be changed. Add to them all gains and deduct all losses from the aggregate under the proper heads, which will leave the number remaining on which per capita tax should be paid.

It is absolutely necessary that the names of all comrades gained or lost should be given under the proper headings.

It is also desired that each and every post at this time send in on the proper blanks furnished, a full and complete roster of all Comrades in good standing at this time, as the Department desires to make a new Department Roster for 1900.

Remittances should be made payable only to the Order of Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General, Helena, Montana.

IV. The officers elect and appointed will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, 1900, by the Senior Past Post Commander present, or other Comrade as may be detailed by the Department Commander upon the request of the Post Commander.

Under the rules and regulations the officers of a Post can not be installed until it has forwarded its report and per capita tax, and been inspected for the previous year. The installing officer will make inquiry, and if it appears that reports and per capita tax have not been forwarded and the Post has not been inspected, he will defer the installation until he has made the inspection and received the reports. He will also see that the Quartermaster has filed a satisfactory bond before he is installed.

V. Reports will be made to the Medical Director of the Department, Dr. L. E. Holmes, Butte, Montana, by Post Surgeons for the entire year ending December 31. A blank for that purpose is enclosed. Post Adjutants should assist the Post Surgeons in preparing this report, and where there is no Post Surgeon the Adjutant should make the report.

VI. Comrades who have been appointed Aid-de-Camps should use extra efforts in recruiting and regaining suspended and dropped members, and encourage the weaker Posts within their reach by visits, advice and encouragement.

Occasional complaints are made of dropped members and old soldiers who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic, of wearing the G. A. R. badge or button. There is a soft spot or lack of manhood in an individual who persists in thus wearing an emblem to which he is not entitled, and all such imposters should be exposed.

By Command of

C. B. MILLER, Department Commander.

L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA, . . . GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

HELENA, Montana, March 5, 1900.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 8.

I. The Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene in Grand Army Hall, Helena, Thursday, April 5, 1900, at 11 a. m.

II. The Council of Administration will meet in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General at 4 o'clock p. m., to examine and audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General.

III. The Commander of Wadsworth Post will detail Comrades to act as Officers of the Day. Officer of the Guard and Sentinel, during the session of the Encampment. They should be instructed to report to the Assistant Adjutant General, 9:30 a. m., April 5th. for duty.

IV. The following Comrades are appointed as Committee on Credentials: L. D. Beary, Assistant Adjutant General; F. P. Sterling, and R. E. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post No. 3. They will meet at Grand Army Hall, at 9:30 a. m., April 5th.

V. Railroads have made a rate of one and one-fifth fare from all points in Montana. Parties attending the Encampment will purchase a one-way ticket at starting point, paying full fare for same, taking a receipt from the ticket agent showing full fare paid going. These certificates when properly filled out and signed by the Adjutant General of the Department, will be honored by the railway agents at Helena upon the payment of one-fifth fare and the certificate. The above rates will be good from the third to the fifth coming and until the ninth, inclusive, returning.

VI. The following hotel rates have been procured by the Commander of Wadsworth Post No. 3, for the delegates, comrades and their families, viz:

Hotel Helena	per day	\$3 00
Hotel Grandon	per day	2 50
Hotel Warren	per day	\$1 25 1 50
Grand Central.....	per day	1 50 2 00
Cosmopolitan	per day	1 25

Rooms can be had from 25 cents to \$1.00 per day. A committee will meet all trains on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April, and escort the Comrades to any hotel they may choose.

VII. It is the desire of the Department Commander to make this the Sixteenth Department Encampment one of the greatest ever held in this Department and to this end, it is urged upon every Department Officer, Aides upon the Staff, Delegates to the Encampment, as well as all Comrades and their families as can do so to be present. Wadsworth Post will hold a Camp Fire at which all Comrades are invited to be present. A good time is assured.

The Council of Administration will meet at the Office of the Assistant Adjutant General, Room 3 Thompson Block, on Wednesday, April 4th, at 4 p. m.

By order of

C. B. MILLER, Department Commander.

Official: L. D. BEARY, Assistant Adjutant General.

Department Officers

COMMANDER.

P. H. MANCHESTER Butte

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

A. N. BULL Ennis

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

J. M. LINDLY Bozeman

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

C. B. MILLER Helena

CHAPLAIN.

J. L. ALBRITTON Butte

JUDGE ADVOCATE.

J. O. GREEG Great Falls

INSPECTOR.

J. S. WISNER Anaconda

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

W. H. H. DICKINSON Missoula

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

S. H. ALMON Butte

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

ED. S. WALKER Helena

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

AUGUSTUS SHORT Anaconda

W. H. SANDERS Helena

H. S. HOWELL Helena

RICHARD CRAIG Helena

C. W. LOMBARD Missoula

SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

EDWIN H. BRUCE Butte



